

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF  
WICHITA FALLS  
**P**roclamation

**W**hereas,

despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women, with Native American and African-American men having the lowest life expectancy; and,

**Whereas**, COVID-19 is destroying lives across the country, with the Centers of Disease Control reporting that males are more likely to die from this pandemic; and,

**Whereas**, encouraging safe behaviors including social distancing, wearing masks, and being vaccinated will help stop the spread of COVID-19; and,

**Whereas**, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and,

**Whereas**, men who are educated about the value that preventative health can play in prolonging their lifespan and their role as productive family members will be more likely to participate in health screening; and,

**Whereas**, fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and have happier, healthier children; and,

**Whereas**, Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop a national men's health awareness period as a special campaign to help educate men, boys, and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and,

**Whereas**, Wichita Falls Men's Health Month will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, mental health, diabetes, and prostate, testicular, and colon cancer; and,

**Now, therefore**, I, Stephen L. Santellana, Mayor of Wichita Falls, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2022, as

## Men's Health Month

in Wichita Falls, and I would like to encourage this city's citizens to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Wichita Falls.

  
Stephen L. Santellana  
Mayor of Wichita Falls

2-15-22  
Date

