

Proclamation

WHEREAS, 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 variants continue to spread across the country, with the Centers for 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 preventive health care can play in prolonging their lifespan and their role as productive family members will be more likely to participate in health screenings; and

WHEREAS, fathers who stay connected to their children and maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and have happier, healthier children; and

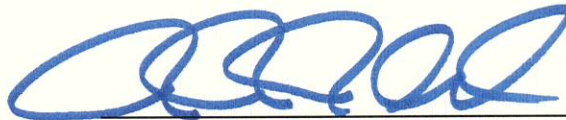
WHEREAS, the Men's Health Month website has been established at www.MensHealthMonth.org and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue Day (www.WearBlueDay.com); and

THEREFORE, I, Rory R. Rowland, Mayor of Independence, Missouri do hereby proclaim May, as

Men's Health Month

and encourage 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 the seal of the City of Independence to be affixed this 3rd day of May, 2022.



MAYOR

Attest:



CITY CLERK

