



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** in 1994, Men's Health Month began with the Congressional passage of Men's Health Week, at the request of the Men's Health Network, increasing the awareness of men's health as a campaign to educate men, boys and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventive health practices; and
- 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. 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,** 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. Encouraging safe behaviors including social distancing, wearing masks, and being vaccinated will help stop the spread of COVID-19; 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 screenings; and
- WHEREAS,** 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
- WHEREAS,** the Men's Health Month website has been established at [www.MensHealthMonth.org](http://www.MensHealthMonth.org) and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue for Men's Health ([www.WearBlueForMensHealth.com](http://www.WearBlueForMensHealth.com)); and
- WHEREAS,** it is important for men to detect actual and potential health issues in the early stage, when treatment is both more effective and less costly, to ensure longer, healthier lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, McKinley L. Price, Mayor of the City of Newport News, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2022, as**

### **MEN'S HEALTH MONTH**

*in the City of Newport News, and encourage our citizens to help 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 duly affixed the Seal of the City of Newport News, Virginia, this this 1st day of June 2022.

McKinley L. Price, DDS, Mayor  
City of Newport News, Virginia

ATTEST:

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC  
City Clerk