CITY OF NEWPORT 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 is destroying lives across the country, with the Center 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 of preventative health 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 National Men's Health Week 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, Newport's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, mental health, prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and
- WHEREAS, the citizens of this city are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups. NOW THEREFORE BE IT
- **RESOLVED:** that I, Jeanne-Marie Napolitano, Mayor of the City of Newport in the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2022 as

"MEN'S HEALTH MONTH"

in the City of Newport and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Newport to be affixed this 25th day of April in the year of our Lord 2022.



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Jeanne-Marie Napolitano Mayor