

Proclamation

by the

Mayor of the City of Denton, Texas

To all to whom these presents shall come,

Greetings:

WHEREAS, June is Men's Health Month, and Men's Health Week, a special awareness period recognized by Congress, is the week ending on Father's Day (June 13-19 in 2022); and

WHEREAS, Men's Health Month is especially important this year as COVID-19 variants continue to spread across the country, with males dying at higher rates from this pandemic according to the Centers for Disease Control; and

WHEREAS, Men's Health Month began in 1994 with the Congressional passage of Men's Health Week, sponsored by Senator Bob Dole and Congressional Bill Richardson. A joint resolution to designate Men's Health Week was signed by President Clinton and became Public Law 103-264 on May 31, 1994. As then-Congressman Bill Richardson noted at the time, "recognizing and preventing men's health problems is not just a man's issue. Because of its impact on wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters, men's health is truly a family issue"; and

WHEREAS, Men's Health Month is a time for the public to recognize the mental and physical health needs of men and boys while encouraging fathers to be role models for their children. Thousands of organizations across the country and around the globe participate in Men's Health Month activities, promoting the health and wellness of men, boys, fathers, and their families. We also sponsor health awareness on Capitol Hill which is attended by hundreds of lawmakers and Congressional staff. With the growing epidemic of suicide and substance abuse, we are again making a special effort to raise awareness of unrecognized and undiagnosed depression and mental stress in boys and men. We are also organizing meetings of major mental health and other medical associations, producing white papers and journal articles, op-eds, radio, TV appearances, and conference presentations. Learn more at www.DialogueOnMensHealth.com.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor of the City of Denton, Texas, do hereby declare and proclaim the month of June 2022 as

"MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Denton, and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of this critical health issue that affects so many boys, men, and families. Please engage men and boys in our community to engage in healthy behaviors and regular screening, and to seek help when it is needed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Denton, Texas to be affixed this the month of June, 2022.


GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:
ROSA RIOS, CITY SECRETARY

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