



City of Arts & Innovation

Proclamation

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical 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 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 educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy 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 care can play in prolonging their lifespan and their role as productive family members will be more likely to participate in health screenings, and 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, 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, the Men's Health month website established at www.MensHealthMonth.org features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue Day (www.WearBlueDay.com); and

WHEREAS, Men's Health month will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, mental health, diabetes, and cancer. The citizens of Riverside are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Patricia Lock Dawson, Mayor of the City of Riverside, California, do hereby proclaim June 2022, as

Men's Health Month

I do hereby invite and encourage all residents of our city to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts throughout the year.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2022.

Patricia Lock Dawson, Mayor
City of Riverside, California