

Proclamation

THE CITY OF BATON ROUGE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

- 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 health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of 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, 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 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
- WHEREAS, Baton Rouge 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 citizens of this city are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHARON WESTON BROOME, MAYOR-PRESIDENT OF THE CITY OF BATON ROUGE AND THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF JUNE 2022 AS

MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge, to be affixed upon this first day of June in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-two.



**Sharon Weston Broome, Mayor-President
City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge**