PROCLAMATION FOR MEN'S HEALTH MONTH IN GREENE COUNTY

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 currently having the lowest life expectancy; and

Whereas, COVID-19 has gravely affected many lives across the country, with the Centers for Disease Control reporting that males are much more likely to die from this pandemic;

Whereas, All Americans have been encouraged to exercise safe behaviors like social distancing, wearing masks, and getting vaccinated which assist in curbing 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 that preventive health can play in prolonging their lifespan and their role as productive family members will be more likely to participate in health screenings because fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their families and 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 web site has been established at www.MensHealthMonth.org and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue for Men's Health (www.WearBlueForMensHealth.com); and

Whereas, Greene County 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

Whereas, The citizens of Greene County are highly encouraged to join together to support all men's health initiatives and to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and regular, preventative medical check-ups.

Now, Therefore, I, Kevin C. Morrison, Mayor of Greene County, do hereby proclaim June as Men's Health Month in Greene County and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts throughout the year.

Mayor of Greene County

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