

# OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY CLERK

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Each year in the month of June, people across America combine their voices to recognize and promote June as Men's Health Month, and the week that leads up to Father's Day as Men's Health Week; and,

**WHEREAS**, Though medical science makes breakthroughs every year and our understanding of many diseases deepens, men still face growing challenges to their physical health, with some diseases like colorectal cancer appearing in people younger than expected; and,

**WHEREAS**, Despite public awareness in promoting general health and well-being, many boys and men struggle with prioritizing their mental and physical health due to societal and cultural norms, a trend that causes great harm to our society and can lead to detrimental physical health issues, depression, and unfortunately, premature death; and,

**WHEREAS**, The employees of the Cook County Clerk's Office stand together in supporting the health and well-being of men, and we stand together to make this Office a place where men are aware of and encouraged to avail themselves of the options they have through their employment, such as free annual health screenings and access to the Employee Assistance Program.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Cedric Giles, Clerk of Cook County, do hereby proclaim that June shall be recognized as Men's Health Month at the Cook County Clerk's Office, and the work-week of June 10 to June 14, 2024 shall be recognized as Men's Health Week, and that employees of the Office will be urged to "Wear Blue" on Friday, June 14, the Friday before Father's Day, in solidarity with the many concurrent efforts to raise awareness across our nation.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.



Cedric Giles  
Cook County Clerk

