

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## CITY OF CHICAGO

BRANDON JOHNSON

## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, June is recognized as Men's Health Month and the health and well-being of men is an important subject that is often not discussed in the greater context of national and international health; and

WHEREAS, despite the advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women with African American men having the lowest life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, men who are educated about the importance of preventative health will be more likely to participate in health screenings, and fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and often have happier and healthier children; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop National Men's Health Week as a special campaign to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and

WHEREAS, Men's Health Month in the City of Chicago will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, mental health, prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, residents in and around Chicagoland are encouraged to recognize the significance of a healthy lifestyle supplemented by regular exercise and medical check-ups:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRANDON JOHNSON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim June 2024 to be MEN'S HEALTH MONTH IN CHICAGO and encourage all Chicagoans to take preventative health measures and pursue early detection efforts to not only lengthen life but impact the greater community.

Dated this 7th day of June, 2024.

Mayor