



# PROCLAMATION

PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

- WHEREAS,** Men's Health Month is part of an ongoing international effort to educate men, boys, and their families about receiving regular disease prevention screenings and living healthier lifestyles; and
- WHEREAS,** nationwide, life expectancy for men averages five years fewer than that of women, with men experiencing higher rates of health problems such as diabetes, obesity, cancer, heart disease, and premature mortality; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Covid-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on men's health in the United States, dropping men's life expectancy by two years; and,
- WHEREAS,** Men's Health Month is a time for the public to recognize the mental and physical health needs of men and boys while encouraging fathers to be role models for their children through preventive health screenings, healthy living and seeking needed help; and
- WHEREAS,** the growing epidemic of suicide and substance abuse requires special effort to raise awareness of unrecognized and undiagnosed depression and mental stress in boys and men; and
- WHEREAS,** the centerpiece of Men's Health Month is National Men's Health Week, a special awareness period passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bill Clinton on May 31, 1994.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners that the week of June 10-16, 2024, be recognized as

## MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

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KATHLEEN PETERS, Chairwoman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Scott".

BRIAN SCOTT, Vice Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Eggers".

DAVE EGGERS, Commissioner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "René Flowers".

RENÉ FLOWERS, Commissioner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlie Justice".

CHARLIE JUSTICE, Commissioner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Latvala".

CHRIS LATVALA, Commissioner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet C. Long".

JANET C. LONG, Commissioner

