

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, Men's Health Month is part of an ongoing international effort to educate men, boys, and their families about the importance of preventative health screenings, early detection, and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, men have a life expectancy that is approximately six years shorter than that of women and experience higher rates of chronic disease, including diabetes, obesity, cancer, heart disease, and premature mortality; and

WHEREAS, Men's Health Month provides an opportunity to recognize the mental and physical health needs of men and boys, while encouraging fathers and caregivers to serve as positive role models through preventative care, healthy living, and help seeking behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the growing epidemic of "Death of Despair" including deaths related to suicide, substance use disorders, alcohol misuse, and homelessness, underscores the urgent need to raise awareness of unrecognized and undiagnosed depression, mental stress, and emotional distress among 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 on May 31, 1994, and observed annually through the efforts of Men's Health Network to build health empathy, recognition and understanding of the unique health needs facing men and boys.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland does hereby proclaim June 15 -21, 2026 as "**Men's Health Week**" in Dorchester County and encourages all citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

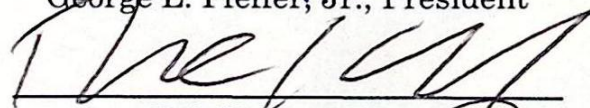
Executed this **5th** day of **May** in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty Six.



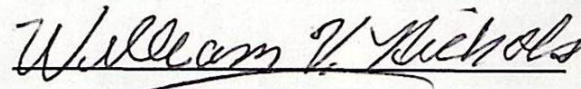
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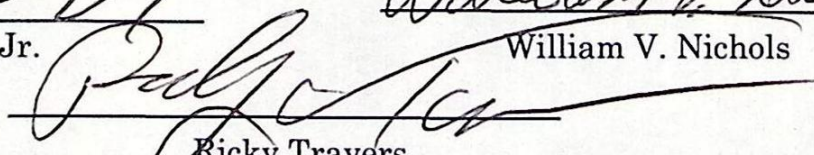
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