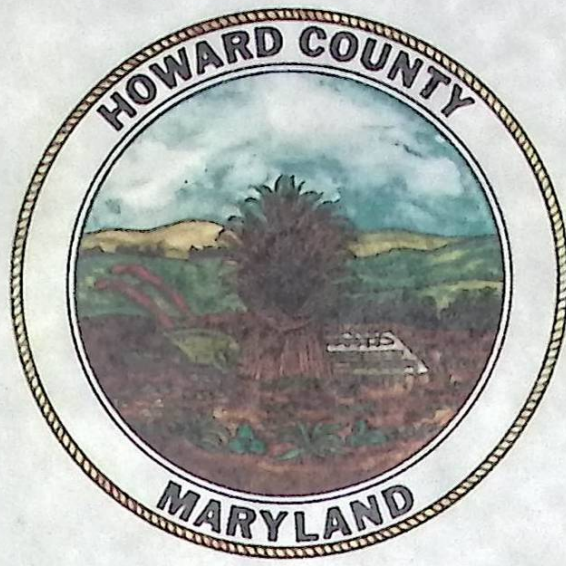




Executive Proclamation

Whereas... Following the passage of legislation for National Men's Health Week in 1994, the week-long awareness campaign eventually expanded to cover all of June, declaring the month "Men's Health Month." Founded by the Men's Health Network, this month-long campaign aims to highlight the importance of prevention, early intervention, and health-seeking behaviors beginning in boyhood and extending across a man's lifespan;

Whereas... Statistics show that boys and men often face early health risks that go unaddressed, contributing to poorer outcomes later in life, as men age 15 to 65 years old, are significantly less likely than women to seek preventive care services and are more likely to report not having a primary care provider (PCP); and

Whereas... Men overall continue to experience higher rates of preventable illness and premature death, resulting in the Lifespan Gender Gap, with men dying on average nearly six years earlier than women. This widening gap is driven in part by "Deaths of Despair," including suicide, substance use, alcohol-related disease, and homelessness, which disproportionately affect men. These outcomes are compounded by stigma around help-seeking, limited access to mental health care, gaps in insurance coverage for male-specific preventative screenings, and persistent barriers faced by underserved communities; and

Whereas... In honor of this year's theme, "Partners in Care: For Better Lifespans Across the Lifespan", Howard County Government joins the Men's Health Network to highlight the role families, communities, and care partners play in supporting healthier outcomes for our men and boys and encourage all to establish a PCP and to see them regularly.

Now therefore, I, ... Calvin Ball, County Executive of Howard County, Maryland, do hereby proclaim

June 2026

Men's Health Month
In Howard County, Maryland

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
set my hand and affixed the seal
of Howard County, Maryland,
on this 1st day of June 2026

Calvin Ball
Howard County Executive

