



SHINNECOCK INDIAN NATION
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*The oldest self-governing
Tribe of Indians in the United States*

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Men's Health Week
June 13-19, 2016

Proclamation

Whereas, the Council of Trustees is the elected governing body of the Shinnecock Indian Nation; and

Whereas, the Council of Trustees is authorized to negotiate with Federal, State and local governments on behalf of the tribe; and

Whereas, the Council of Trustee is authorized to protect the health and general welfare of the tribe; and

Whereas, despite advances in medical technology and treatment, Native American men live significantly shorter lives and suffer higher death rates for many compared to their female counterparts or U.S. males overall; and

Whereas, working with health care providers and educating tribal citizens about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems can result in reducing rates of mortality from diseases; and

Whereas, men who are informed about the value of preventative health and supported in accessing it will be more likely to participate in health screening and treatment; and


Whereas, fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and have happier, healthier children; and

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

Whereas, the Shinnecock Indian Nation's Men Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, mental health, prostate, testicular and colon cancer, a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups;

Now, therefore, I, Bryan Polite, Chairman of the Shinnecock Indian Nation, do hereby proclaim the week starting June 13th and ending on Father's Day, June 19th, as Men's Health Week in our tribal nation, and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

Respectfully,

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Bryan Polite
Chairman, Council of Trustees

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Eugene Cuffee II
Sachem, Council of Trustees