CITY OF NEWPORT

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and

WHEREAS, men who are educated about the value of preventative health will be more likely to participate in health screening; 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 National 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, Newport’s Health Week will focus on a broad range of men’s health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, mental health, prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this city are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: that I, Jeanne-Marie Napolitano, Mayor of the City of Newport in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim June 13-19, 2016 as

"MEN'S HEALTH WEEK"

in the City of Newport and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Newport to be affixed this 31st day of May in the year of our Lord 2016.

Jeanne-Marie Napolitano
Mayor