

P roclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City of Orange

WHEREAS National Men’s Health Month is an awareness initiative to inform the public about men’s preventable health problems and to encourage early detection and treatment of diseases; and

WHEREAS in June, the “Gift of Life” with medical partners Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas and local healthcare organizations will provide medically underserved men with free prostate cancer tests and other important screenings, along with educational outreach to heighten awareness of men’s preventable health problems in Southeast Texas at targeted screening locations in Orange on Saturday, June 4th at Lamar State College; Beaumont on Saturday, June 11th at Lamar Institute of Technology; and Port Arthur on Saturday, June 25th at the Carl Parker Center ; and

WHEREAS early detection is the best protection, and statistics reflect that the five-year survival rate for men whose prostate cancer is diagnosed early is nearly 100 percent; and

WHEREAS since 2000, the “Gift of Life” has made available nearly 8,400 free prostate cancer screenings and helped extend the lives of 69 men who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Screenings, diagnostic tests and cancer treatment costs are entirely paid for by the “Gift of Life”; and

WHEREAS the “Gift of Life” provides extensive educational outreach programming in seven counties;

NOW THEREFORE I, Jimmy Sims, Mayor of the City of Orange, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2016 as

NATIONAL MEN’S HEALTH MONTH

in the City of Orange, and Tuesday, May 24, 2016, as the “Gift of Life” Program’s Men’s Health Awareness Day in Orange, Texas and I also urge all men in our community to pursue prevention health practices and early detection efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the seal of the City of Orange, Texas to be hereto affixed this 24th day of May, 2016.

Jimmy Sims, Mayor