

## Men's Health Month June 2017

- 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 healthcare 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, Men's Healthcare Network worked with Congress to develop National Men's Health Week as a special campaign to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and
- WHEREAS. the Men's Health Month web site has been established at <u>www.MensHealthMonth.org</u> and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue for Men's Health; and
- WHEREAS, Scranton's Men's Health Month will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, mental health, diabetes, 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, I William L. Courtright, Mayor of the City of Scranton, Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as "MEN'S HEALTH MONTH" in the City of Scranton and I encourage all citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.



William L. Courtright Mayor