

PROCLAMATION

By virtue of the authority vested in me, as Mayor of the City of Erie, 1 do hereby proclaim June 2017

MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live on 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 that preventive health can play in prolonging their lifespan and their role as productive family members will be more likely to participate in health screenings. Fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and have happier, healthier children; and

WHEREAS, the Men's Health Network worked with congress to develop a national men's health awareness period 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 Men's Health Month website has been established at www.MensHealthMonth.org and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue for Men's Health; and

NOW THEREFORE, I Joseph E. Sinnott, Mayor of the City of Erie hereby proclaim **June 2017 as Men's Health Month** and call upon citizens, community agencies, faith-based organizations, medical facilities and area businesses to participate in programs and activities that support families, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live and preventing child abuse.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and seal this 1st day of June 2017

JOSEPH E. SINNOTT Mayor