

The City of Morgantown

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Office of the Mayor

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 morality from disease; and
- **Whereas**, men who are educated about the value of preventative health will be more likely to participate in health screening; and
- Dereas, 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 and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and
- **Whereas**, the Men's Health Week web site has been established at <u>www.MensHealthWeek.org</u> and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue for Men's Health; and
- Whereas, Morgantown Men's Health Week 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 state are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups; and

Dow therefore, **I**, Marti Shamberger, Mayor of the City of Morgantown, West Virginia do hereby proclaim the week leading up to and including Father's Day June 12 – 18, 2017 as

Men's Health Beek

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

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Marti Shamberger, Mayor