

## Office of the Mayor

## A Proclamation Proclaiming June 2017 As Men's Health Month

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 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; 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 <a href="www.MensHealthMonth.org">www.MensHealthMonth.org</a> and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue for Men's Health; and

WHEREAS, Nashville 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 Nashville 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, Megan Barry, Mayor of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, do hereby proclaim

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in Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.



I have hereunto set my hand on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

Megan Barry Mayor