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**MEN'S HEALTH MONTH**  
**JUNE**  
**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, despite advances in medical technology and treatment, Native American men live significantly shorter lives and suffer higher death rates for many causes compared to their female counterparts or U.S. males overall; and

**WHEREAS**, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems can result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and

**WHEREAS**, men who are informed about the value of preventative health and supported in accessing it will be more likely to participate in health screening and treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 a 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 web site has been established at [www.MensHealthMonth.org](http://www.MensHealthMonth.org) and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue for Men's Health; and

**WHEREAS**, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point 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 members of tribal nations are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ralph Dana, Chief of the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point, do hereby proclaim June as Men's Health Month in our tribal nation, and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

Ralph Dana, Chief