



**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 preventative health can play in prolonging their lifespan and their role as productive family members will be more likely to participate in health screening; and

**WHEREAS**, 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](http://www.MensHealthMonth.org) and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including wear Blue for Men's Health; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 Richland, Washington, are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert J. Thompson, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Richland, Washington, do hereby proclaim June 2017 to be

### **"MEN'S HEALTH MONTH"**

in Richland, and I encourage all citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the official seal of the City of Richland, Washington this 1st day of June 2017.

Robert J. Thompson  
Mayor of Richland