City of Charleston

JOHN J. TECKLENBURG
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 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 screenings; 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, Charleston's Men's Health Week and Month will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, mental health, diabetes, and prostate, testicular, and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, I encourage the citizens of this city to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups and to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as:

MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

and June 12–18, 2017 as:

MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the seal of Charleston to be affixed, this 15th day of May in year of 2017.

John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

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