

A PROCLAMATION

On Behalf Of The People Of THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE

By Her Honor The Mayor

Madeline Rogero

To Publicly Recognize

Men's Health

WHEREAS: Despite advances in medical technology and research, men in the United States continue to live an average of five years less than women, with Native American and African-American men having the lowest life expectancy; and

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WHEREAS: The life expectancy for men in Tennessee is 6.8 years shorter than women's in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS: The mortality rate from prostate cancer in Tennessee is almost 10 percent higher than the national average;

and

WHEREAS: Men educated about the value of preventative health are more likely to participate in health screenings; and

WHEREAS: Wear Blue for Men's Health on June 16 (the Friday before Fathers' Day) is a national campaign to help educate men, boys and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and

WHEREAS: Men's Health 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: Citizens are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise and medical check-ups; and

WHEREAS: BESCO (Broadway Electric Service Corporation) will host the inaugural Blue Ball, a benefit for Tennessee Men's Health Network.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Madeline Rogero, Mayor of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 2017 to be:

Men's Health Month

in our city and urge all citizens to join in this observance.

Given under my hand and affixed with the Seal of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, This First Day of June, 2017

Mayor

