

# Executive Proclamation

Rapid City, South Dakota  
Office of the Mayor

**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**, 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**, Rapid City 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

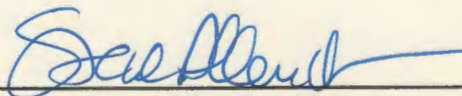
**WHEREAS**, the citizens of this city are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.

**NOW**, therefore, I, Steve Allender, Mayor of Rapid City, do hereby proclaim June, 2017, as

## Men's Health Month

In Rapid City, South Dakota, and encourage all citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Rapid City this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2017.



Steve Allender, Mayor  
Rapid City, South Dakota

