Proclamation

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than woman with Native 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, 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 City of Richmond, Virginia Men’s Health Month will focus on a broad range of men’s health issues including heart disease, diabetes, prostate, testicular and colon cancer along with mental health; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Richmond are encouraged to live a healthy lifestyle, exercise regularly and set frequent medical check-ups;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Levar M. Stoney, Mayor of the City of Richmond, Virginia do hereby proclaim the month of June as

“Men’s Health Month”

in the City of Richmond and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detections efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the seal of the City of Richmond, this 12th day of June, 2017

Levar M. Stoney, Mayor
City of Richmond