

Proclamation



The Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners

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, this is why studies have shown that 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, which is a special campaign to help educate men, boys, and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and

Whereas: During Men's Health Month it is fitting that Miami-Dade County and its citizens focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, mental health, diabetes, prostate, testicular and colon cancer, aimed at ensuring that increased awareness is brought to this vital subject;

Now Therefore: **BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, CARLOS A. GIMENEZ, MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, CHAIRMAN ESTEBAN BOVO, JR. AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THIS COMMUNITY, do hereby proclaim June, 2017, as**

Men's Health Month

In Observance I call upon the good people of Miami-Dade County to join me in applauding all those who help encourage
Thereof: our residents to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.



Esteban Bovo, Jr.
Chairman

Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor