

# Wichita and Affiliated Tribes

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## RESOLUTION

### *Proclaiming the Week of June 12-18, 2017 as Men's Health Week*

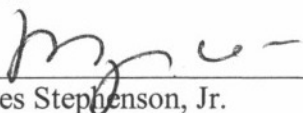
- WHEREAS,** the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco, and Tawakoni) (the "Tribe") possesses substantial inherent sovereign powers and has exercised those powers since time immemorial, and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe has a duly established Tribal Government recognized by the Secretary of the Interior, and
- WHEREAS,** Article V of the Wichita Governing Resolution authorizes and empowers the Executive Committee of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes to act in all matters of business on behalf of the Tribe, and
- WHEREAS,** despite advances in medical technology and treatment, Native American men live significantly shorter lives and suffer higher death rates for many causes compared to their female counterparts or US males overall, and
- WHEREAS,** educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems can result in reducing rates of mortality from disease, and
- WHEREAS,** men who are informed about the value of preventative health and supported in accessing it will be more likely to participate in health screening and treatment, and
- WHEREAS,** fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and have happier, healthier children, and
- WHEREAS,** National Men's Health Week 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,** the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, mental health, prostate, testicular, and colon cancer, and
- WHEREAS,** the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, along with other Indian Nations, is committed to increasing awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Wichita Executive Committee hereby proclaims the week leading up to and including Father's Day as Men's Health Week for the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes and we encourage all tribal members to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts

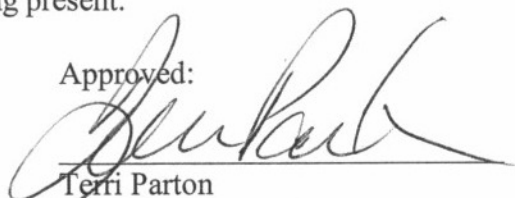
## CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Committee of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma on **March 2, 2017**, in Anadarko, Oklahoma, by a vote of 5 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions, a quorum being present.

Attest:

  
Myles Stephenson, Jr.  
Secretary

Approved:

  
Terri Parton  
President