

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 reduce mortality rates; 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, Maui County Men's Health Month will focus on a range of men's health issues, including heart disease, mental health, diabetes, and 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 checkups.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALAN M. ARAKAWA, Mayor of the County of Maui have do hereby proclaim June 2018 as

## MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

throughout Maui County, and on behalf of its citizens, encourage all to pursue preventative health practices and early-detection efforts, and to support this specific cause by wearing blue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Maui to be affixed hereto.

DONE at Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i, on this 1st day of June, 2018.

ALAN M. ARAKAWA Mayor, County of Maui

