WHEREAS, DC Men's Health Month increases the awareness of preventable health conditions and encourages early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys; and

WHEREAS, The Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop a national men's health awareness campaign in order to educate men, boys, and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventive health maintenance; and

WHEREAS, this month encourages men to adopt health lifestyles and promotes the importance of screening and testing for a broad range of health issues, including heart disease, mental health, diabetes, prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, despite vast advances in medical technology, health care and research, women continue to live five years longer than men of Native American and African-American heritage; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, early detection of health problems, exercise and regular medical check-ups can reduce the rate of mortality amongst male residents:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim June 2018, in Washington, DC as "DC MEN'S HEALTH MONTH".