WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women; 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 of preventative health will be more likely to participate in health screening; and

WHEREAS, 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 National Men’s Health Week as a special campaign to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and

WHEREAS, Men’s Health Month will focus on a broad range of men’s health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, prostate, testicular, and colon cancer.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim June 2019, to be

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in Missouri, and encourage the citizens of Missouri to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 26th day of February, 2019.