PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1994, Men's Health Month began with the Congressional passage of Men's Health Week at the request of the Men’s Health Network, increasing the awareness of men’s health as a campaign to educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventive health practices; and

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

WHEREAS, the Men’s Health Month website has been established at www.MensHealthMonth.org and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue for Men’s Health (www.WearBlueForMensHealth.com); and

WHEREAS, it is important for men to detect actual and potential health issues in the early stage, when treatment is both more effective and less costly, to ensure longer, healthier lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, McKinley L. Price, Mayor of the City of Newport News, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2020 as

MEN’S HEALTH MONTH

in the City of Newport News, and encourage our citizens to help increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be duly affixed the Seal of the City of Newport News, Virginia, this the 1st day of June 2020.

McKinley L. Price, DDS, Mayor
City of Newport News, Virginia

ATTEST:

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk