

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

June 2020
as
MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

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, every person should be able to reach their full health potential and remove barriers to health linked to race or ethnicity, gender identity, education, income location or other social factors; 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 preventive health in prolonging their lifespan and their role as productive family members will be more likely to participate in health screenings; and,

WHEREAS, fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and may have happier, healthier children; 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,

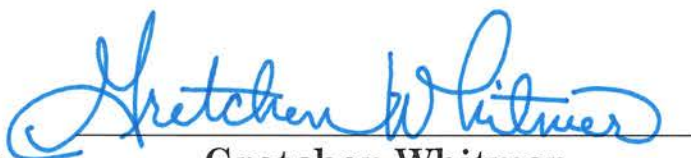
WHEREAS, the Men's Health Month website has been established at www.MensHealthMonth.org and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue for Men's Health; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan 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 citizens of this state are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim June 2020 as Men's Health Month in Michigan and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.




Gretchen Whitmer

Governor

