

CITY OF COLVILLE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, per Congressional Record, May 24, 1994, heightening the awareness of preventable health problems and increasing early detection and treatment of disease would significantly improve our Nation's health, as well as save limited health care dollars. Recognizing and preventing men's health problems is not just a man's issue. Because of its impact on wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters, men's health is truly a family issue; and

WHEREAS, despite advance 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, COVID-19 is destroying lives across the county, with the Centers for Disease Control reporting that males are more likely to die from this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, encouraging safe behaviors including social distancing, wearing masks, and being vaccinated will help stop the spread of COVID-19; 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 can play in prolonging their lifespan and their role as productive family members 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, Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop National Men's Health Week 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.menshealthweek.org and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events, including Wear Blue for Men's Health (www.wearblueformenshealth.com); and

WHEREAS, Colville Men's Health Month will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, mental health, 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, Ralph K. Lane, Jr., Mayor of the City of Colville, do hereby proclaim June as Men's Health Month in this City, and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Colville to be affixed this 3rd day of March, 2021.



Ralph K. Lane, Jr., MAYOR

Attest:



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