

PROCLAMATION



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, the Centers for Disease Control reports males are more likely to die from the COVID-19 pandemic and encourage safe behaviors and being vaccinated to stop the spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, educating the public about healthy lifestyles and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing mortality rates from disease; and,

WHEREAS, men who are educated about preventive health are more likely to participate in health screenings and 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 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, Men's Health Month focuses on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, mental health, diabetes, prostate, testicular and colon cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William A. Baird, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as

MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

to increase awareness of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise and medical check-ups for the mental and physical needs of men and boys and to encourage everyone to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts throughout the year.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, this 8th day of April 2021.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "W.A. Baird".

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD