



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
**City of Middletown**  
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Benjamin D. Florsheim

MAYOR

**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, COVID-19 is destroying lives across the country, 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 that preventive 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, 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, the Men's Health Month web site has been established at [www.MensHealthMonth.org](http://www.MensHealthMonth.org) and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue for Men's Health; 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; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Middletown are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, BENJAMIN D. FLORSHEIM, Mayor of the City of Middletown do hereby proclaim June, 2021, as

**MEN'S HEALTH MONTH**

in the City of Middletown, and I encourage all citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts throughout the year.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Middletown to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

ATTEST:

**BENJAMIN D. FLORSHEIM**  
Mayor

