

TERESA LEE HEITMANN MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS,	despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of fiv	е
	years less than women with Native American and African-American having the lowest life	е
	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 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, 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 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
- where, 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,** the citizens of this city are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.
- **NOW**, **THEREFORE I**, **TERESA HEITMANN**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Naples, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2021 as

MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

in the City of Naples and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of June 2021

TERESA HEITMANN, MAYOR