

P.O. Box 343 • Perry, Maine 04667 Tel. (207) 853-2600 MEN'S HEALTH MONTH **JUNE 2021 PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and treatment, Native American men live significantly shorter lives and suffer higher death rates for many causes compared to their female counterparts or U.S. males overall; 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 can result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and

WHEREAS, men who are informed about the value of preventative health and supported in accessing it will be more likely to participate in health screening and treatment; 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 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 preventive health practices; and

WHEREAS, the Men's Health Month web site 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 (www.WearBlueForMensHealth.com); and

WHEREAS, the Passamaquoddy Tribe – Pleasant Point Reservation'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 members of tribal nations are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chief Elizabeth M. Dana, of the Passamaquoddy Tribe – Pleasant Point Reservation, do hereby proclaim June as Men's Health Month in our tribal nation, and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

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