



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, 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 at www.MensHealthMonth.org features resources and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue for Men's Health; and,

WHEREAS, Men's Health Month will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, mental health, diabetes, prostate, testicular and colon cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor of the City of Hartsville in the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim the month of June 2020, as

"MEN'S HEALTH MONTH"

and encourage all our citizens to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups for preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the seal of the City of Hartsville.

Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk