



# Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, Men’s Health Month is part of an ongoing international effort to educate men, boys, and their families about receiving regular disease prevention screenings and living healthier lifestyles; and

**WHEREAS**, nationwide, the life expectancy of men averages almost five years fewer than that of women, with men experiencing higher rates of death from nine of the top ten causes of death including, workplace fatalities, suicides, drug and alcohol addiction, diabetes, cancer, and diseases of the heart, kidney, and liver. Many of these deaths are preventable through public education and better utilization of existing health care resources; 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**, Men’s Health Month is a time for the public to recognize the mental and physical health needs of men and boys while encouraging fathers to be role models for their children through preventive health screenings, healthy living and seeking needed help; and

**WHEREAS**, the Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop a national men’s health awareness period as a special campaign to raise awareness of unrecognized and undiagnosed depression and mental stress in boys and men and to help educate men, boys, and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the centerpiece of Men’s Health Month is National Men’s Health Week, a special awareness period passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bill Clinton on May 31, 1994.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Casey Hancock, Mayor of the City of Hartsville in the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim the month of June 2024, 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.

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Casey Hancock, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea D. Crenshaw, CMC, City Clerk