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 healthcare providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems may result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and

WHEREAS, Men who are educated about the value of preventative health are more likely to participate in health screening; 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

WHEREAS, The website <u>www.menshealthmonth.org</u> has been established and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue for Men's Health; and

WHEREAS, Men's Health Week 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, Citizens 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, Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor of the City of Fargo, do hereby proclaim the week leading up to and including Father's Day to be

MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

in the City of Fargo, North Dakota, and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fargo, North Dakota to be affixed this 19th day of April, 2018.

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Timothy J. Mahoney

Mayor

Fargo, North Dakota