

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0026R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Porter

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Parker, Conway, Middleton, Torrence,
Gray, Bullock, Blanchard, Jones, Ramos, and Glover

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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Recognizing June as Men's Health Month

FOR the purpose of recognizing June as Men's Health Month in Baltimore City, expressing the City Council's support for reestablishing the Baltimore City Health Department's Men's Health Center, and emphasizing the importance of using City resources for targeted services to support men's health and longevity, including in areas around mental health, preventative care, fatherhood, domestic violence, sexual abuse, and suicide.

Recitals

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, American men now live an average of nearly 6 years less than women, and American Indian/Alaska Native and African American men have the lowest life expectancy.

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease, cancer, unintentional injuries, diabetes, chronic lower respiratory diseases, chronic liver disease and cirrhosis, influenza and pneumonia, and Parkinson's disease lead to death in men at a higher age-adjusted rate than women.

WHEREAS, men lead in 9 of the top 10 causes of death and have an expected life span that is nearly 6 years shorter than the expected life span for women.

WHEREAS, significant numbers of predominantly male-related health problems, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, infertility, and colon cancer, could be detected and treated in the early stages if men were more widely aware of the many early detection and screening tools and preventive measures currently available.

WHEREAS, educating both the public and health care providers about the importance of early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality for many diseases.

WHEREAS, men are less likely than women to visit their health center or physician for regular screening examinations of male-related problems for a variety of reasons, including fear of learning or confirming health status or condition, embarrassment, lack of health insurance, lack of information, and high out-of-pocket costs.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **WHEREAS**, men who are educated about the value that preventive health care can play in
2 prolonging their lifespans and their role as productive family members will be more likely to
3 participate in health screenings.

4 **WHEREAS**, men and their families are encouraged to increase their awareness of the
5 importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical checkups.

6 **WHEREAS**, Men's Health Month has the purpose of heightening the awareness of preventable
7 health problems and encouraging early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys.

8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the City
9 Council recognizes June as Men's Health Month in Baltimore City, expresses the City Council's
10 support for reestablishing the Baltimore City Health Department's Men's Health Center, and
11 emphasizes the importance of using City resources for targeted services to support men's health
12 and longevity, including in areas around mental health, preventative care, fatherhood, domestic
13 violence, sexual abuse, and suicide.

14 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Director of the
15 Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, the Director of the Mayor's Office of African
16 American Male Engagement, the Baltimore City Health Commissioner, and the Mayor's
17 Legislative Liaison to the City Council.