

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA    }  
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COUNTY OF DARLINGTON       }

RESOLUTION NO. 756

***Proclamation For Men's Health Week  
June 12-18, 2023***

***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 nearly six years fewer than that of women, with men experiencing higher rates of premature death from workplace fatalities, suicides, drug and alcohol addiction, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and heart disease, many of which deaths are preventable through public education and better utilization of existing health care resources; and

***Whereas,*** the Covid-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on men's health in the United States, with men experiencing approximately three out of every five Covid deaths and dropping men's life expectancy by two years; and

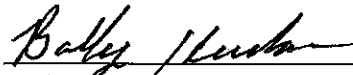
***Whereas,*** Men's Health Month is a time for the public to recognize the mental and physical health needs of men and boys while encouraging fathers to be role models for their children through preventive health screenings, healthy living, and seeking needed help; and


***Whereas,*** the growing epidemic of suicide and substance abuse requires special effort to raise awareness of unrecognized and undiagnosed depression and mental stress in boys and men; 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, Be It Resolved*** by the governing body of Darlington County, South Carolina, the Darlington County Council, to hereby proclaim June 12-18, 2023, as Men's Health Week in Darlington County, South Carolina.

*Adopted in meeting duly assembled this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.*

  
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Bobby Hudson, Chairman  
Darlington County Council

  
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Attest: Janet Bishop, Clerk to Council