WHEREAS, health and safety hazards such as lead-based paint, radon, mold, pests, and allergens cause or contribute to a wide range of illnesses and diseases including lead poisoning, asthma, cancer and injuries; and

WHEREAS, in Washington, DC children under the age of six are affected by lead poisoning and many residents are unaware that their homes can contain a serious health hazard; and

WHEREAS, during this month, the Department of Energy and Environment, Lead-Safe and Healthy Housing Division will sponsor programs and activities to enhance public awareness about home health and safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia government is committed to helping reduce the number of health and safety hazards and increasing the quality of life of our residents:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim June 2017 in Washington, DC, as "DC HEALTHY HOMES MONTH".