

Proclamation



DC HEALTHY HOMES MONTH

JUNE 2018

WHEREAS, June serves as DC Healthy Homes Month and presents an opportunity for residents to learn more about potential health and safety hazards in homes; and

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

WHEREAS, children under the age of six in Washington, DC, are susceptible to mandatory lead screenings and many residents remain unaware that their homes may contain serious health hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Interagency Working Group on Healthy Housing, led by the Department of Energy and Environment and the Department of Health Care Finance, will work in conjunction with 14 District of Columbia government agencies and offices to improve service coordination, increase childhood lead screening, and reduce home safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, June Housing Bloom events by the Department of Housing and Community Development along with additional housing agencies will showcase the city's initiatives to produce and preserve affordable housing and revitalize neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia government is committed to increasing the quality of life for all of residents and reducing the incidents of health and safety hazards in homes:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim June 2018 in Washington, DC, as "DC HEALTHY HOMES MONTH".

