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

WHEREAS, in Washington, DC, children under six years of age are more vulnerable to lead exposure, which can lead to problems with mental and physical development, and many residents are unaware that their homes might contain a serious health hazard; and

WHEREAS, allergens and irritants in the home, such as dust mites, mold, cockroaches, pet dander, and secondhand smoke may produce symptoms of asthma; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the District of Columbia is committed to helping residents reduce such health and safety hazards in their homes; and

WHEREAS, during the month of June, the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) will enhance public awareness about home health and safety hazards and encourage the use of the DOEE’s Healthy Homes program, along with additional resources to assist Washingtonians with housing and environmental concerns:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim June 2022 in Washington, DC as “DC HEALTHY HOMES MONTH.”