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 can contain a serious health hazard; and

WHEREAS, during this month, events sponsored by the Department of Energy and Environment and its partners will enhance public awareness about home health and safety hazards and available resources to assist District of Columbia residents, including the agency’s healthy housing, lead reduction, lead pipe replacement, safer drinking water, mold, radon, and pesticide programs; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the District of Columbia is committed to helping our residents reduce health and safety hazards at home and increasing quality of life for all:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim June 2021 in Washington, DC as “DC HEALTHY HOMES MONTH.”