

WASHINGTON, DC  
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

# Proclamation



## HEPATITIS AWARENESS MONTH

MAY 2018

**WHEREAS**, millions of Americans currently live with undiagnosed viral hepatitis; and

**WHEREAS**, viral hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver and is the leading cause of liver cancer in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, viral hepatitis is an important health issue facing communities for a myriad of issues including the lack of the dissemination of pertinent information, awareness pertaining to this disease has been somewhat limited; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington, DC has a higher than national average liver cancer rate related to viral hepatitis and raising awareness about hepatitis will reduce the stigma, prevent new infections, and ensure treatment for residents with this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington, DC; Providence Hospital; District of Columbia Department of Health HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, and TB Administration; Mayor's Office of Asian and Pacific Islanders Affairs; Mayor's Office of African Affairs; and the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy, are working collectively to raise awareness and to eliminate this deadly disease:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC,** do hereby proclaim May 2018, in Washington, DC as "HEPATITIS AWARENESS MONTH".

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Muriel Bowser". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

