



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women, with African-American men having the lowest life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and

WHEREAS, men who are educated about the value of preventative health will be more likely to participate in health screening; and

WHEREAS, Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop National Men's Health Week as a special campaign to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Men's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of June 10-16, 2013, as

Men's Health Week

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this eighth day of March, 2013.



Bill Haslam

Governor

Jill Hagatt

Secretary of State