



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, women are struggling to meet their own health needs across all socioeconomic boundaries, including giving birth to low birth weight babies, smoking during pregnancy, and engaging in unhealthy behaviors that can lead to diabetes, heart disease and stroke; and

WHEREAS, many women say lack of time, limited financial resources and prioritizing the needs of others above their own are among the biggest barriers to living healthier lives and taking better care of themselves; and

WHEREAS, a woman's total wellbeing includes healthcare, fitness and nutrition, mental health, education and career services, legal and financial issues and more; and

WHEREAS, women make the vast majority of the purchasing and healthcare decisions for their families, so equipping women with the knowledge to make the right choices has a positive impact on everyone in their care; and

WHEREAS, improved care is facilitated when organizations create communities for women to access needed services through educational materials, in-person events and online programming where they can connect with dedicated service providers and other resources; and

WHEREAS, National Women's Health Week presents an opportunity for all women to prioritize their wellbeing by scheduling annual checkups and screenings and by participating in activities that promote awareness, prevention and education for the improved health of all women;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of May 12-18, 2013, as

Women'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 nineteenth day of April, 2013.



A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, Governor of Tennessee.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Joe Engel, Secretary of State of Tennessee.

Secretary of State