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Congressional Leaders and Men's Health Network Emphasize the Importance of Men's Health During the 14th Annual National Men's Health Week

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 11, 2007 – Congressional leaders and their staffers will set an example of health prevention by kicking off a week-long celebration of National Men's Health Week, June 11–17, 2007, with health screenings June 12-14 on Capitol Hill. The 10th annual Congressional screening event, hosted by the Men's Health Network (MHN), is designed to stress how simple, pain-free diagnostic tests can save lives.

NMHW celebrated each year during the week ending on Father's Day—sponsors activities across the country, bringing together corporations, government agencies, religious and fraternal organizations, as well as others committed to the prevention and treatment of men's health issues. Hundreds of groups across the country host events during June to celebrate NMHW and help ensure a healthier future for our nation.

For the past nine years, health screenings have been offered on Capitol Hill during NMHW, with more than 700 Members, staffers and employees participating each year. "We're pleased that Congress continues to take such an active role in emphasizing men's health," Scott Williams, Director of Professional Relations and Public Policy for MHN. "The purpose of National Men's Health Week is to heighten awareness of health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and their families. The support of Congress and NMHW participants nationwide has enabled awareness of men's health issues in communities across the country." A listing of many local events can be found at <http://www.menshealthnetwork.org/calendar.htm>.

Additional support comes from the more than 45 governors who declare Men's Health Week in their states. Copies of many Governor's proclamations can be found at www.menshealthweek.org. Also, Senator Crapo and Congressman Cummings have sponsored resolutions recognizing NMHW, and the Congressional Men's Health Caucus, founded and chaired by Congressmen Fossella and Hill, will also help to raise awareness.

Men's Health Network is a non-profit educational organization comprised of physicians, researchers, public health workers, other health professionals, and individuals. MHN is committed to improving the health and wellness of men and their families through education campaigns, data collection and work with health care providers to provide better programs and funding on men's health needs.

For a list of NMHW events, or to speak with men's health experts, contact MHN at info@menshealthweek.org or (202) 543-6461, ext. 101.

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