

John Bel Edwards
GOVERNOR


Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women with Native American and 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 preventive health will be more likely to participate in health screening; and
- WHEREAS,** fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and have happier, healthier children; 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 preventive health practices; and
- WHEREAS,** the Men's Health Week web site has been established at www.menshealthweek.org and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana Men's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, mental health, prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** the citizens of this state are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, **John Bel Edwards**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim June 13-19, 2016 as

MEN'S HEALTH WEEK
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereto set my hand
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the
State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of
Baton Rouge, on this 14th day of April
A.D., 2016.*


Governor of Louisiana