

Executive Department State of Idaho

## The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

State Capital Boise

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five fewer years 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, fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are better role models for their children and have happier, healthier children; and

WHEREAS, the Men's Heath 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, Idaho Men's Health Week will highlight a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, mental health, prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the June 13-19, 2016 to be

## MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fortieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-sixth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER GOVERNOR

LAWERENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE