

Proclamation

From the Office of the Governor
of the Chickasaw Nation

- WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation recognizes the many advances in medical technology and treatment, Native American men, however, live significantly shorter lives and suffer higher death rates for many causes compared to their female counterparts or U.S. males overall; and
- WHEREAS, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems can result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and
- WHEREAS, men who are informed about the value of preventative health and supported in accessing it will be more likely to participate in health screening and treatment; 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 Men's Health Week as a special campaign to help educate men, boys, and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and
- WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation 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 members of tribal nations are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL ANOATUBBY, GOVERNOR of the Chickasaw Nation, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim the week ending in Father's Day, as:

"Men's Health Week"

in the Chickasaw Nation, and call upon the Chickasaw people to come together as the unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation to be affixed.

Done at the Headquarters of the Chickasaw Nation in the City of Ada, Oklahoma, this 28thth day of February, in the year of Our Lord two thousand seventeen, and of the Chickasaw Nation the one hundred fifty-eighth year.

Bill Anoatubby

Governor

