

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*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 preventative 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 preventative health practices; and,

*Whereas* The Men's Health Week web site has been established at [www.MensHealthWeek.org](http://www.MensHealthWeek.org) and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue for Men's Health; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota Men's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, mental health, diabetes, and 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:

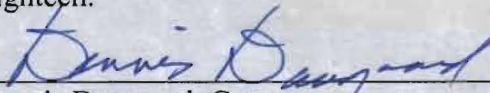
*Now, therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the State of South Dakota*, do hereby proclaim the week of June 11-17, 2018, as

## *Men's Health Week*

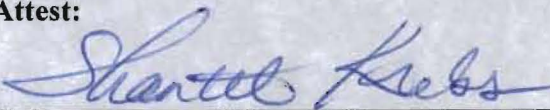
in South Dakota, and encourage all of our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State