

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women; 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 measures can play in prolonging their lifespan and their role as productive family members will be more likely to participate in health screenings; and

WHEREAS, fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and have happier, healthier children; and

WHEREAS, the Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop National 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 Men's Health Month website has been established at www.MensHealthMonth.org and features resources, proclamations, and information about awareness events and activities, including Wear Blue for Men's Health; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi Men's Health Month will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, 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, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim June 10-16, 2019, the week leading up to and including Father's Day, as

MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

and the month of June 2019 as

MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all Mississippians 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 State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson on the 1st day of May in the year of our Lord, two thousand and nineteen, and the independence of the United States of American, the two hundred and forty-third.



PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR