



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women, with African-American and Native 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**, 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**, Tennessee Men's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 2020 as

## *Men's Health Month*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-sixth day of May, 2020.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe Wingett*

Secretary of State