

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, Harvard Health Publishing at Harvard Medical School, reported that the average lifespan is about 5 years longer for women than men in the United States, and 7 years longer worldwide; and

WHEREAS, educating the public and healthcare 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 that preventive health 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 stay connected to their children and maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and have happier, healthier children; and

WHEREAS, Men's Health Network is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to reach men, boys, and their families where they live, work, play and pray with health awareness and disease prevention messages and tools, screening programs, educational materials, advocacy opportunities, and patient navigation; and

WHEREAS, Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop a national men's health awareness period 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 Day (www.WearBlueDay.com); and

WHEREAS, Mississippi's Men's Health Month 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, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim June as

MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts throughout the year.



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 15th day of May in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-two, and the independence of the United States of American, the two hundred and forty-sixth.


TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR