

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of six years less than women, and African-American men have 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 screenings; 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 and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim June 9 through June 15, 2003, as

Men's Health Week

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all Mississippians to increase their awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise and medical check-ups.

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 June 6, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR