

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women with 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: The Men's Health Network has joined with Congress to develop National Men's Health Week to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys, as those who are informed about the value of preventive health measures will be more likely to participate in health screenings; and

WHEREAS: The mission of Men's Health Week is to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventive health practices; and

WHEREAS: During the week leading up to and including Father's Day, Arkansas Men's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, prostate cancer, testicular cancer and colon cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim June 15 through June 21, 2015, as

MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage my fellow citizens to participate in the planned activities by encouraging the education of husbands, fathers, grandfathers, sons, brothers and uncles regarding the steps they can take to improve their health and prevent disease.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 28th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Attest:

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State

Asa Hutchinson, Governor