



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- 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: Men who are educated about the value of preventative health will be more likely to participate in health screening; 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; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's Men's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, and prostate, testicular, and colon cancer; and
- WHEREAS: The citizens of Minnesota are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 11-17, 2012 as:

## MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

in the State of Minnesota, and encourage all our citizens 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 Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE