A Proclamation by Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, despite the advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of seven years less than women; and

WHEREAS, women visit their doctors approximately 150 percent more often than men, enabling them to detect health problems in their early stages; and

WHEREAS, educating the public health care providers about the importance of early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from these diseases; and

WHEREAS, men who are educated about the value of preventive health will be more likely to participate in health screening;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim June 12-18, 2000 as

NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

in the State of Mississippi and urge all our citizens to pursue preventive health practices and early detection efforts.

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, March 9, 2000 in the two hundred and twenty-fourth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR