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## Gov. Hickenlooper **Issues Proclamation for** Colorado Men's Health Week - June 10-16, 2013

(Washington, DC) - Men's Health Network (MHN) is proud to announce that Gov. John Hickenlooper declared June 10-16 as Colorado Men's Health Week, which coincides with the National Men's Health Week (NMHW).

The proclamation is a call on health care professionals, private industry, faith-based organizations, community groups, insurance companies, and all other interested organizations and individual citizens to unite and publicly reaffirm Colorado's continuing commitment to men's health. In anticipation for Colorado Men's Health Week, now is the time to organize and plan for activities meant to show an increased focus on men's health during the week of June 10-16. For ideas and open resources in both English and Spanish, we invite all to visit www.nationalmenshealthweek.org and www.menshealthmonth.org.

"The Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop National Men's Health Week as a special campaign to educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventive health practices," the proclamation said. "Colorado Men's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, prostate, testicular, and colon cancer."

The proclamation states that men who are educated about the value of preventive health will be more likely to participate in health screenings.

"We want to thank Hickenlooper for his support in promoting National Men's Health Week this year," said Scott Williams, MHN Senior Vice President. "We're hoping that our efforts together with the Governor's recognition of June 10-16 as NMHW will draw increased attention and interest of ways to better address the health and well-being of men, boys, and their families in Colorado and across the nation."

National Men's Health Week, sponsored by Senator Bob Dole and Congressman Bill Richardson, passed Congress, was signed by President Clinton, and became Public Law 103-264 on May 31, 1994.

<u>Men's Health Network</u> (MHN) 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 prevention messages and tools, screening programs, educational materials, advocacy opportunities, and patient navigation. Learn more about MHN at www.menshealthnetwork.org and follow us on Twitter @MensHlthNetwork.

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