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**Gov. Fallin Issues Proclamation for
Oklahoma Men's Health Week – June 10-16, 2013**

(Washington, DC) – Governor Mary Fallin issued a proclamation designating the week leading up to and including Father's Day, as *Oklahoma Men's Health Week* - which is a special awareness period to help educate men, boys and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventive health practices.

“Our health affects everything, from our individual quality of life to the national economy,” said Fallin. **“Let's all take the month of June to take active steps to improve our overall health. My thanks go out to the Men's Health Network for its tireless efforts to raise awareness about the importance of preventative health practices.”**

In preparation for Oklahoma Men's Health Week, Men's Health Network (MHN) encourages health care professionals, private industry, faith-based organizations, community groups, insurance companies, and all other interested organizations and individual citizens, to organize and plan for activities and events, which will focus on men's health during the week of June 10-16. Men's Health Week is part of Men's Health Month, which is sponsored by AbbVie, Auxilium, Pfizer, and Men's Health Network. For ideas and open resources in both English and Spanish, visit www.menshealthmonth.org.

“We'd like to thank the governor for recognizing June 10-16 as Oklahoma Men's Health Week,” said Ana Fadich, MHN Vice President. **“We hope that by raising awareness about the health and wellbeing of men and boys around Father's Day, they will be more likely to take action and set a doctor's appointment in June.”**

National [Men's Health Week](#), sponsored by Senator Bob Dole and Congressman Bill Richardson, passed Congress and was signed into law by President Clinton, on May 31, 1994.

Men's Health Week is organized by [Men's Health Network](#) (MHN), 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

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