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Gov. Deal Issues Proclamation for Georgia Men's Health Week – June 10-16, 2013

(Washington, DC) – Governor Nathan Deal issued a proclamation designating the week leading up to and including Father's Day, as *Georgia 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.

“Health is one of the most important things we possess, and unfortunately we are most reminded of it when we get sick,” said Deal. **“I urge Georgia citizens, and especially the men, to go and get themselves checked in June in participation of Men's Health Month. Developing a healthy lifestyle and being detected early will reduce mortality rates, and by improving the health and well-being of men in our communities, we can build stronger and happier families.”**

In preparation for Georgia 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. 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 Georgia 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](http://www.menshealthweek.org), 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](http://www.menshealthnetwork.org) (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 MHN at www.menshealthnetwork.org and follow them on Twitter @MensHlthNetwork.

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