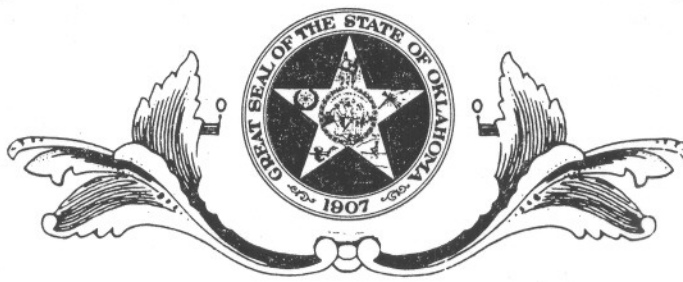


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

Whereas, despite advances in medical technology and research, Oklahoma men continue to live an average of five and a half years less than women with African-American men having the lowest life expectancy; and

Whereas, because lower life expectancy in men is due primarily to early life deaths caused by injuries and later in life by heart disease, Men's Health Month is designated as a month to heighten the awareness of preventative health problems in men and boys by encouraging early detection and treatment of disease; and

Whereas, educating health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems results in reduced 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, Oklahoma women are encouraged to support their male partners in seeking age appropriate clinical preventative services and living healthier lifestyles; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Men's Health Network contributed to the development of a community toolbox to assist county health departments and community organizations to educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and

Whereas, Oklahoma Men's Health Month 2009 theme "Stay Tough – Stay Healthy" will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and

Whereas, the citizens of Oklahoma are encouraged to Eat Better, Move More and Be Tobacco Free where we live, work, and learn;

Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week leading up to and including Father's Day, June 15-21, 2009, as

### "Men's Health Week"

and the month of June 2009, as

### "Men's Health Month"

in the state of Oklahoma, and encourage all 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 Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 7th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred first year.

ATTEST:

M. Susan Lewis  
SECRETARY OF STATE

Brad Henry  
GOVERNOR