

# MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS: National Men's Health Week has been celebrated every year since 1994. Men's Health Week always concludes on the third Sunday in June, Father's Day, making it that much more special. Men's health awareness is not only for men but is also for families. Preventing health problems and encouraging early detection and treatment of diseases affecting men and boys is one of the main purposes of Men's Health Week; and

WHEREAS: Men are at risk for testicular and prostate cancer. The likelihood that a man will develop prostate cancer is one in 11. Testicular cancer is one of the most common cancers in men aged 15-34 and, when detected early, has an 87 percent survival rate. Educating both the public and health care providers about the importance of early detection of male health problems will result in reducing the rates of mortality for these diseases; and

WHEREAS: Many men are reluctant to visit their health center or physician for regular screening examinations of male-specific problems for a variety of reasons, including fear, lack of information and cost factors. Men who are educated about the value that preventive health can play in prolonging their lifespan and their role as a productive family member will be more likely to participate in health screenings; and

WHEREAS: If you are a father, husband, son or brother and are concerned about your health or the health of a male relative, take the time to make the call today; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 8-14, 2003, as MEN'S HEALTH WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this eighth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

