WHEREAS, 2012 marks the 18th year of “National Men’s Health Week;” and

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

WHEREAS, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and

WHEREAS, men who are educated in the value of preventive health practices will be more likely to participate in health screening; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Men’s Health Week will focus on a broad range of men’s health issues, such as heart disease, diabetes and prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Garden State are encouraged to increase the awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise and medical checkups;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

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AS
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in New Jersey and encourage residents to pursue preventive health practices and early detection efforts.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-fifth day of May in the year two thousand twelve, the two hundred thirty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States.

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