

STATE OF DELAWARE  
  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATEMENT  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
HEALTH EDUCATION WEEK

**Whereas**, promoting, protecting and preserving health and quality of life for the people of Delaware is a major goal of our state; and

**Whereas**, health education programs benefit everyone regardless of race, ethnicity or socioeconomic status and consider learning needs and potential barriers for all to provide quality, consistent information to health care consumers; and

**Whereas**, health care education provides Delawareans with current and accurate information regarding chronic disease, infectious disease, environmental and workplace hazards, unintentional injuries, violence and health promotion; and

**Whereas**, educational programs targeted for prevention strategies improve infant mortality and childhood immunization rates, promote child and adolescent health, prevent teen pregnancies and reduce child abuse; and

**Whereas**, educating and encouraging people to adopt healthy behaviors helps them attain well-being and prevents chronic illness and premature death; and

**Whereas**, organizations like the Health Education Network of Delaware provide leadership in the fields of health promotion and public health education.

**Now, Therefore, We, Ruth Ann Minner, Governor,  
and John C. Carney, Jr., Lieutenant Governor,**  
do hereby declare October 18 - 24, 2004

HEALTH EDUCATION WEEK

in the State of Delaware, and urge all Delawareans to take this opportunity to learn more about the steps we can take to help us all lead a healthier life.



  
Ruth Ann Minner, Governor

  
John C. Carney, Jr., Lieutenant Governor

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