



## TOWN OF FAIRFAX PROCLAMATION

### Declaring September 2017 Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men aside from skin cancer, and it is estimated 1 in 8 men will develop this disease in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 161,360 new cases of prostate cancer in the USA in 2017, resulting in an estimated 26,730 deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated 14,520 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and it is estimated 3,130 California men will die from this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, men of African American descent have the highest prostate cancer incident rates in the world and their death rate is twice as high as any other ethnic group; and

**WHEREAS**, early prostate cancer usually has no symptoms and studies suggest strong familial predisposition may be responsible for 5% to 10% of the disease cases; and

**WHEREAS**, advanced prostate cancer commonly spreads to the bones, which can cause pain in the hips, spine, ribs, or other areas in the body, and

**WHEREAS**, the 5-year survival rate approaches 100% when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 29% when it spreads to the other parts of the body; and

**WHEREAS**, treatment options for prostate cancer vary depending on a man's age, stage and grade of his cancer, as well as his other existing medical conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society recommends that men should have an opportunity to make an informed decision about whether to be tested for prostate cancer based on their personal values and preferences, and

**WHEREAS**, the Fairfax Town Council joins communities across our nation to increase the awareness about the importance for men to make an informed decision with their health care provider about early detection and testing for prostate cancer.

**Now, therefore, be it hereby proclaimed by the Town Council of  
The Town of Fairfax that the month of September 2017 is  
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of Fairfax.**

AGENDA ITEM # 6

John Reed  
Mayor of Fairfax



## Prostate Cancer

The following are some little known interesting facts about this disease

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### Did you know that .....

- Prostate cancer is the most diagnosed cancer in American men, second only to non-fatal skin cancer.
- In the average American family, the husband has the same potential risk of developing prostate cancer as the wife has of developing breast cancer.
- 161,360 American men are forecast to be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year.
- 26,730 American men are forecast to die from this deadly disease this year.
- Every 20 minutes, 24/7, an American man dies from prostate cancer.
- Men have a similar death rate from prostate cancer as women have from breast cancer.
- Prostate cancer usually has no symptoms in its early stage and there are no self-tests for this disease.
- The 5-year survival rate approaches 100% if malignant prostate cancer is treated in its early stage.
- The 5-year survival rate drops to 28% if malignant prostate cancer spreads to other parts of the body.
- African American men have the highest prostate cancer incidence rates in the world.
- African American men have a prostate cancer mortality rate that is more than twice as high as that of any other racial group.
- More than 3 million men are living in the USA today with a history of prostate cancer.
- 1 out of every 8 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime.
- 1 out of every 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.
- \$80 million Congressional research funding for prostate cancer. (CDMRP\* FY 2016)
- \$120 million Congressional research funding for breast cancer. (CDMRP\* FY 2016) (50% difference)
- 66 is the median age for men being diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- 61 is the median age for women being diagnosed with breast cancer.
- The Affordable Care Act provides free breast cancer screening, but not free prostate cancer screening.
- Men have a 50% higher risk factor for developing any type of cancer than women have.

CDMRP\* Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs. The above information comes from the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute. It is available at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) and [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov)

Many cancer research centers and advocacy groups suggest that every man consider having a prostate cancer test at age 40 to establish a baseline for future reference. Men with a family history of prostate cancer and African American men should consider having this test at age 35. The basic prostate cancer test consists of a simple blood test called a PSA (prostate-specific antigen) followed by a DRE (digital rectal exam). Both of these simple tests can be conducted in the local family doctor's office.