



PROCLAMATION

Declaring September 2014 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 7 men will develop this disease in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 233,000 new cases of prostate cancer in the USA in 2014, resulting in an estimated 29,480 deaths; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated 23,010 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and it is estimated 3,380 California men will die from this disease; and

WHEREAS, African American men have the highest prostate cancer incidence rates in the world and their prostate cancer death rate in the USA is more than twice that of any other ethnic group of men; 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, recent studies suggest that a diet high in processed meat or dairy foods may be a risk factor, and obesity appears to increase risk of aggressive prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, the survival rate approaches 100% when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 28% 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 2014** is **Prostate Cancer Awareness Month** in the Town of Fairfax.

David Weinsoff, Mayor

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