

TOWN OF FAIRFAX PROCLAMATION

Declaring September 2020 Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 191,930 new cases of prostate cancer in the USA in 2020, resulting in an estimated 33,330 deaths; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated 20,160 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and it is estimated 3,890 California men will die from this disease this year; and

WHEREAS, Black men in the USA and Caribbean have the highest documented prostate cancer incidence rates in the world; 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, late stage 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 31% when it spreads to the other parts of the body; and

WHEREAS, the rapid reduction in prostate cancer mortality is attributed to early detection through PSA testing and advancement in treatment, 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 2020 is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
In the Town of Fairfax.**



Renee Goddard
Mayor of Fairfax