

TOWN OF FAIRFAX PROCLAMATION

Declaring September 2021 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 248,530 new cases of prostate cancer in the USA in 2021, resulting in an estimated 34,130 deaths; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated 25,880 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and it is estimated 4,140 California men will die from this disease this year; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of prostate cancer is almost 80% higher in non-Hispanic Black men than in non-Hispanic White men for reasons that remain unclear; and

WHEREAS, early-stage prostate cancer usually has no symptoms and studies suggest strong genetic predisposition may be responsible for 5%-10% of prostate cancer; 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 30% when it spreads to the other parts of the body; and

WHEREAS, risk factors for prostate cancer are increasing age, African ancestry, a family history of the disease, and certain inherited genetic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that men have a conversation with their health care provider and 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 2021 is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
In the Town of Fairfax.**



Bruce Ackerman
Mayor of Fairfax