



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** September 12, 2023
FROM: Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services
BY: Nancy Baggett, Staff Services Manager
SUBJECT: Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Proclamation declaring September 2023 as “Prostate Cancer Awareness Month” in Placer County.

BACKGROUND

Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men. The American Cancer Society estimates there will be 288,300 new cases of prostate cancer in the USA in 2023, resulting in an estimated 34,700 deaths. It is estimated 26,970 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and it is estimated 4,970 California men will die from this disease.

Early prostate cancer usually has no symptoms and studies suggest strong familial predisposition may be responsible for 5% to 10% of the disease cases. Advanced prostate cancer commonly spreads to the bones, which can cause pain in the hips, spine, ribs, or other areas in the body. The survival rate approaches 100% when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early but drops to 32% when it spreads to the other parts of the body. 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. 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.

By raising awareness about prostate cancer in Placer County we hope to improve rates of prostate cancer detection, particularly at earlier stages when there may be more treatment options.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

ATTACHMENTS

Proclamation

On File Document - Prostate Cancer Awareness Month Supplemental Document

Proclamation

PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS “PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH” IN PLACER COUNTY

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

WHEREAS, one in eight men have a lifetime probability of developing prostate cancer. One in eight women also have a lifetime probability of developing breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 288,300 new cases of prostate cancer in the USA in 2023, resulting in an estimated 34,700 deaths; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated 26,970 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and it is estimated 4,970 California men will die from this disease; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of prostate cancer is more than 70% higher in Black men than White men for reasons that remain unclear; 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 5-year survival rate approaches 100% when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 32% when it spreads to the other parts of the body; and

WHEREAS, Early-stage prostate cancer usually causes no symptoms. Late-stage prostate cancer commonly spreads to the bones and causes pain in several areas of the body; 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, and

WHEREAS, the County of Placer 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 PROCLAIMED, that the above PROCLAMATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, at a regular meeting held, September 12, 2023, proclaiming the month of September 2023 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

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