

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H., Health and Human Services

DATE: August 22, 2006

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION – Approve a Proclamation recognizing September 2006 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in Placer County.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Proclamation declaring September 2006 to be Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in Placer County.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the President of the United States, the United States Senate, and the governors of each State issue Proclamations declaring September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Many cities and counties also recognize Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in September by issuing their own Proclamations and Resolutions.

In the USA, men have a greater probability of developing prostate cancer in their lifetime than women have of developing breast cancer in their lifetime. One in eight women will develop breast cancer, whereas one in six men will develop prostate cancer. More than eight men die every day in California from prostate cancer.

In California, prostate cancer is the most common form of cancer among men in almost all race/ethnic groups. Early stages of prostate cancer usually show no symptoms, with early detection being the key to survival. The survival rate for prostate cancer is 100% when the disease is treated early. This rate drops drastically to 34% if the cancer has metastasized.

The American Cancer Society recommends that men should have their annual prostate cancer testing beginning at age 50. Men described as being at high-risk by having one or more first-degree relatives (father/brother) diagnosed before age 65, should begin testing at age 45. Men at even higher risk, due to multiple first-degree relatives affected at an early age, could begin testing at age 40. About 75 percent of prostate cancers are diagnosed among men ages 65 and older.

With this Proclamation declaring September 2006 to be Prostate Cancer Awareness month it will help save lives by raising awareness of the importance of screening and early detection. By educating others and ourselves about this disease, we can improve our ability to prevent, detect, treat, and ultimately cure prostate cancer.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

COUNTY OF
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PROCLAMATION

**In the matter of a Proclamation
Recognizing September 2006
as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Placer County.**

This Proclamation was adopted by the Placer County Board of Supervisors on August 22, 2006 all members present voting aye.

Bill Santucci, District One; Robert M. Weygandt, District Two, Jim Holmes, District Three; Edward "Ted" M. Gaines, District Four and Bruce Kranz, District Five

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates one in six men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime and there will be 234,460 new cases of the disease in the USA in 2006, resulting in 27,350 deaths; and

WHEREAS, In California, prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men in almost all race and ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, This year, approximately 22,295 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. Each day more than eight California men will die from this disease; and

WHEREAS, The survival rate approaches 100% when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 34% when the disease spreads to other parts of the body; and

WHEREAS, Early detection is the key to survival and the American Cancer Society recommends that every man should be tested beginning at age 50; and

WHEREAS, Men described as being at high risk by having one or more first-degree relatives (father/brother) diagnosed before age 65, should begin testing at age 45, and about 75 percent of prostate cancers are diagnosed among men ages 65 and older, and

WHEREAS, the County of Placer joins communities across our nation to increase the awareness about the importance of early detection and treatment of this disease.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Placer County Board of Supervisors designates September 2006 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in Placer County.

Bill Santucci
Chairman

