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Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

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Discussion

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors issue a Resolution declaring September 2007 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. This proposed Resolution will be in keeping with the historical national practice of recognizing September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

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

Prostate cancer is the most diagnosed cancer in the USA today, second only to skin cancer. The American Cancer Society estimates that 1 in 6 men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime. The three most common female specific cancers are cervical cancer, ovarian cancer and breast cancer. The 2007-projected number of new patients for these three cancers combined, is less than the projected number of new prostate cancer patients. Men have a 33% higher rate of developing prostate cancer than women have of developing breast cancer. Men also have a 12% higher death rate from prostate cancer than women have from breast cancer.

In California, prostate cancer is the most common form of cancer among men in almost all race/ethnic groups. The early stages of prostate cancer usually show no symptoms. Early detection is the key to prostate cancer survival. The survival rate for prostate cancer is 100% when the disease is treated early. The rate drops to 33% if the cancer has metastasized.

The proposal on the next page in this report was prepared using references listed in the report. All of the references in this report are from 2007 American Cancer Society sources. Page 4 of this report lists “Page References” for each WHEREAS in the proposal. Information on each page reference has been underlined to assist the reader identify each WHEREAS.

Copies of Prostate Cancer Awareness Proclamations and Resolutions from the White House, US Senate, and the California Governor and Senate, are provided at the end of this report for the reader to review the format and phrasing used in other Proclamations and Resolutions.

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A Resolution to designate September 2007 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the second most diagnosed cancer in the USA today, exceeded only by skin cancer and the second most cause of death in men, exceeded only by lung cancer; and

2 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates 1 in 6 men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime and there will be 218,890 new cases of the disease in the USA in 2007, resulting in 27,050 deaths; and

3 WHEREAS, in California, prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men in almost all race and ethnic groups and African-American men are 50% more likely to develop this disease than any other group of men; and

4 WHEREAS, 18,865 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and each day more than 8 California men will die from this disease; and

5 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is a leading cause of cancer deaths in men and little is known about this disease and there are usually no symptoms in the early stages; and

6 WHEREAS, the survival rate approaches 100% when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 33% when the disease spreads to the other parts of the body; and

7 WHEREAS, early detection is the key to survival and the American Cancer Society recommends that every man should be offered an annual prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test and digital rectal examination (DRE) determined by his age and risk factor; and

8 WHEREAS, men who have several close relatives who were diagnosed with prostate cancer at an early age could begin their testing at age 40; and

9 WHEREAS, men who have a father, son, or brother who had prostate cancer before age 65 and African-Americans should begin their testing at age 45; and

10 WHEREAS, all other men who have a life expectancy of at least 10 years should begin their testing at age 50; and

11 WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors joins communities across our nation to increase the awareness about the importance of early detection and treatment of this disease, and now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, that El Dorado County Board of Supervisors designate September 2007 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.