



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **Of The Board of Supervisors of the County Of El Dorado Recognizing September 2018 as 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 164,690 new cases of prostate cancer in the United States in 2018, resulting in an estimated 29,430 deaths; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated 15,190 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and it is estimated 3,490 men in California will die from this disease; and,

**WHEREAS**, African-American men in the United States 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**, advanced 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**, 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**, prostate cancer treatment decisions should be based on clinician recommendations and patient values and preferences; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado 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 Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby proclaim September 2018, as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held this 28th day of August, 2018.

**Attest:**

James S. Mitrisin  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
by:

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Deputy Clerk

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Chair, Board of Supervisors