



Proclamation
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO
Recognizing
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month – September 2012

Whereas, prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men aside from skin cancer, and the second leading cause of cancer death in men aside from lung cancer; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 241,740 new cases of prostate cancer in the USA in 2012, resulting in an estimated 28,170 deaths, and it is estimated 1 in 6 men will develop this disease in their lifetime; and

Whereas, in California, prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men in almost all race and ethnic groups and African-American men are over 56% more likely to develop this disease than non-Hispanic white men and over 78% more likely than Hispanic men; and

Whereas, it is estimated 20,195 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and it is estimated 3,085 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 29% when it spreads to the other parts of the body; and

Whereas, early prostate cancer usually has no symptoms and familial predisposition may be responsible for 5% to 10% of the disease cases; and

Whereas, recent studies suggest that a diet high in processed meat or dairy foods may be a risk factor, and obesity appears to increase risk of aggressive prostate cancer; and

Whereas, obesity and smoking are associated with an increased risk of dying from prostate cancer; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society recommends that all men should be given sufficient information about the benefits and limitations of testing and early detection to allow them to make a decision based on their personal values and preferences; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors 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 resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado designate September 2012 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 28th day of August, 2012.

Attest:

Terri Daly
Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
by:

Deputy Clerk

Chair, Board of Supervisors

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