



**PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO**

**Proclaiming September 2007
“Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors does hereby designate September 2007 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 the 28th day of August, 2007.

Attest:
Cindy Keck
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
by

Deputy Clerk

Chairman, Board of Supervisors