



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

**Proclaiming September 2009
“Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”**

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in American men and the second most cause of cancer 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 192,280 new cases of the disease in the USA in 2009, resulting in 27,360 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 45% more likely to develop this disease than non-Hispanic white men and over 60% likely than Hispanic men; and

WHEREAS, 17,890 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and 3,060 California men will die from this disease; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is a leading cause of cancer deaths in men and very 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 32% when the disease spreads to the other parts of the body; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that health care providers discuss the potential benefits and limitations of annual prostate cancer early detection testing by offering the prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test and digital rectal examination (DRE); and

WHEREAS, men who have several close relatives who were diagnosed with prostate cancer at an early age should have this discussion 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 a least 10 years should have this discussion beginning 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.

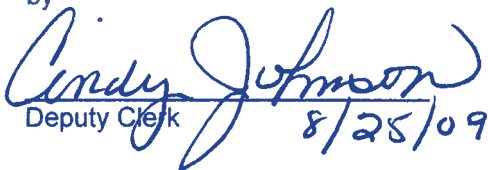
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors does hereby designate September 2009 as **Prostate Cancer Awareness Month**.


Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 25th day of August, 2009.

Attest:

Suzanne Allen de Sanchez
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

by


Deputy Clerk 8/25/09


Ron Briggs, Chairman
Board of Supervisors 8/25/09