



**Proclamation**  
**of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors**  
**Recognizing September 2016 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men aside from skin cancer, and it is estimated 1 in 7 men will develop this disease in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be over 220,000 new cases of prostate cancer in the USA in 2016, resulting in an estimated 27,600 deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated 21,100 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and it is estimated 3,200 California men will die from this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, African American men have the highest prostate cancer incidence rates in the world and their prostate cancer death rate in the USA is more than twice that of any other ethnic group of men; 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**, 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**, the survival rate approaches 100% when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 28% when it spreads to the other parts of the body; and

**WHEREAS**, treatment options for prostate cancer vary depending on a man's age, stage and grade of his cancer, as well as his other existing medical conditions; 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**, El Dorado County 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, for the County of El Dorado, does herewith proclaim the month of **September, 2016, 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 **13th day of September, 2016**.

**Attest:**

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

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*Deputy Clerk*

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*Chair, Board of Supervisors*