



PROCLAMATION

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month – September, 2011

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in men after skin cancer, and the second most cause of cancer death in men, exceeded only by lung cancer deaths; and,

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates 1 in 6 men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime and there will be over 200,000 new cases of the disease in the USA in 2011, resulting in over 30,000 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 over 45% more likely to develop this disease than non-Hispanic white men and over 60% more likely than Hispanic men; and,

WHEREAS, over 20,000 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and over 3,000 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 31% when it spreads to the other parts of the body; and,

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that asymptomatic men who have at least a 10-year life expectancy should have an opportunity to make an informed decision with their health care provider about screening for prostate cancer; and,

WHEREAS, men at average risk should receive this information at age 50 and African American men and men with a father or brother diagnosed with prostate cancer before age 65 should receive this information beginning at age 45; and,

WHEREAS, men with multiple family members diagnosed with prostate cancer before age 65 should receive this information beginning at age 40; and,

WHEREAS, very little is known about the causes of prostate cancer and most prostate cancer cases are diagnosed as the result of a PSA screening test; and,

WHEREAS, 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 screening for prostate cancer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado, at their regular meeting held September 13, 2011, does hereby declare September, 2011 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.*

*Attest: Suzanne Allen de Sanchez,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisor*

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Deputy Clerk of the Board

Supervisor Raymond J. Nutting, Chair