



Proclamation

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO Recognizing the Month of September, 2017 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 8 men will develop this disease in their lifetime. The American Cancer Society estimates there will be 161,360 new cases of prostate cancer in the USA in 2017, resulting in an estimated 26,730 deaths; and

Whereas, it is estimated 14,520 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and it is estimated 3,130 California men will die from this disease. Men of African American descent have the highest prostate cancer incident rates in the world and their death rate is twice as high as any other ethnic group; 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, advanced prostate cancer commonly spreads to the bones, which can cause pain in the hips, spine, ribs, or other areas in the body, and

Whereas, the 5-year 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 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 of the County of El Dorado does hereby recognize the month of September, 2017, 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 29th day of August, 2017.

Attest:

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

Deputy Clerk

Shiva Frentzen, Chair, Board of Supervisors