



Proclamation
of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER, 2019 AS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 174,650 new cases of prostate cancer in the United States in 2019, resulting in an estimated 31,620 deaths; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated 24,550 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and it is estimated 4,470 men in California will die from this disease; and

WHEREAS, African-American men in the United States and Caribbean have the highest documented prostate cancer incidence rates in the world; 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 30% when it spreads to the other parts of the body; 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, prostate cancer treatment decisions should be based on clinician recommendations and patient values and preferences; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of 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 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 proclaim September 2019, 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 this 27th day of August, 2019.

Attest:

Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

by:

Deputy Clerk

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