

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2015 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 220,800 new cases of prostate cancer in the USA in 2015, resulting in an estimated 27,540 deaths, an estimated 21,060 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and an estimated 3,180 California men will die from this disease, and that 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 that 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, 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, 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 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the September 2015 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

Dated: September 1, 2015

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