

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2015 AS

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the month of September is recognized nationally as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and so it is fitting that San Mateo County acknowledges those who are battling the disease while commending the organizations that provide for prevention, detection and treatment of prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer has touched countless individuals and families with tragedy in the United States including an estimated 27,540 individuals who lost their lives from the disease in the United States last year; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men aside from skin cancer, and it is estimated that one in seven men will develop this disease in their lifetime including the 220,800 estimated new cases this year in the United States; 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 survival rate approaches 100% when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 28 percent when it spreads to other parts of the body; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County encourages the health community and all residents 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 San Mateo County designates September 2015 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in San Mateo County.

Dated: SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

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