

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2010 AS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men, 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 it is estimated there will be 240,890 new cases of the disease in the USA in 2011, resulting in an estimated 33,720 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 33% more likely to develop this disease than non-Hispanic white men and over 46% more likely than Hispanic men; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated 25,030 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and it is estimated 4,330 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 30% when it spreads to the other parts of the body; and

WHEREAS, early prostate cancer usually has no symptoms and familial predisposition may be responsible for 5% to 10% of the disease cases; 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, obesity and smoking are associated with an increased risk of dying from prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that men should have an opportunity to have a discussion with their health care provider in order to make an informed decision about early detection and testing for prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax Town Council 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 HEREBY PROCLAIMED that September, 2011, is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of Fairfax.

MAYOR BRAGMAN

AGENDA ITEM # 5