

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 commonly diagnosed cancer in men after skin cancer, and the second most common 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 there will be 217,730 new cases of the disease in the USA in 2010, resulting in 32,050 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 45% more likely to develop this disease than non-Hispanic white men and over 60% more likely than Hispanic men; and

WHEREAS, 20,120 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and 3,035 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 31% when it spreads to the other parts of the body; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that asymptomatic men who have at least a 10-year life expectancy should have an opportunity to make an informed decision with their health care provider about screening for prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, men at average risk should receive this information at age 50 and African American men and men with a father or brother diagnosed with prostate cancer before age 65 should receive this information beginning at age 45; and

WHEREAS, men with multiple family members diagnosed with prostate cancer before age 65 should receive this information beginning at age 40; and

WHEREAS, very little is known about the causes of prostate cancer and most prostate cancer cases are diagnosed as the result of a PSA screening test; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax 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 screening for prostate cancer, and now, therefore be it hereby proclaimed that the month of September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in Fairfax.

Mayor Lew Tremaine