

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Celebrated Every September

www.ProstateCancerAwarenessMonth.com

July 25, 2016

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month is celebrated every September as an opportunity to raise awareness of this disease among men and their loved ones. In the United States, there are over 2.8 million men living with prostate cancer, making it the most common cancer in males. In 2016, the American Cancer Society estimates that approximately 180,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and over 26,000 men will succumb to the disease. September is also known as Prostate Health Month, helping to raise awareness of BPH (benign prostatic hyperplasia), prostatitis, and prostate cancer.

The importance of this issue is highlighted by the President of the United States proclaiming September as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month each year.

In recognition of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, we urge you to issue a proclamation naming September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the state of South Carolina and a press release encouraging men to learn more about their prostate health risks.

Please send your proclamation to Men's Health Network at P.O. Box 77476, Washington, DC 20013. The proclamation will be displayed on the Prostate Cancer Awareness Month web site, www.ProstateCancerAwarenessMonth.com.

If you include additional copies of the proclamation, we will be honored to present them to your Congressional delegation. Thank you for your assistance in promoting prostate health awareness in the state of South Carolina.

Sincerely,



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(September of each year)

Proclamation Text

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Whereas, prostate cancer is the number one cancer among men, and the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among men in the United States;

Whereas, approximately 180,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year, and over 26,000 will die from it;

Whereas, African-American men, men with a family history of prostate cancer, and men exposed to Agent Orange are at highest risk;

Whereas, the President of the United States proclaims September as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month each year;

Whereas, prostate cancer not only affects men but also affects their family and friends;

Whereas, prostate cancer is usually treatable if detected early;

Whereas, early stage prostate cancer usually has no symptoms;

Whereas, men who have prostate cancer and are educated about the value of early detection will be more likely to have the cancer detected when it is treatable;

Whereas, men who discuss treatment options with their healthcare provider and with their family are more likely to make good treatment decisions;

Whereas, (your state) Prostate Cancer Awareness Month will encourage men to discuss prostate cancer with their healthcare provider;

Whereas, www.ProstateCancerAwarenessMonth.com provides information on prostate cancer and links to national organizations that provide awareness and services during Prostate Cancer Awareness Month;

Now, therefore, I, _____, (Governor) of the State of _____, do hereby proclaim September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in this State, and encourage all our men to learn their risk and to speak to their healthcare provider about screening for prostate cancer.

(signed)

(date)