



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: September 10, 2019

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☒ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Proclaiming September 2019 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Whereas, prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 174,650 new cases of prostate cancer in the USA in 2019, resulting in an estimated 31,620 deaths; and

Whereas, it is estimated 24,550 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and it is estimated 4,470 California men will die from this disease; and

Whereas, Black men in the USA and Caribbean have the highest documented prostate cancer incidence rates in the world; 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

Whereas, late stage prostate cancer commonly spreads to the bones, which can cause pain in the hips, spine, ribs, or other areas in the body; and

Whereas, the 5-year 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, 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

Whereas, prostate cancer treatment decisions should be based on clinician recommendations and patient values and preferences; and

Whereas, the County of Sonoma 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, and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Sonoma designate September 2019 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.