



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROSTATE AWARENESS MONTH RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, countless individuals, communities, community organizations, health organizations, health advocates, and health professionals observe the National Prostate Health Month (NPHM), also known as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in September; and

WHEREAS prostate cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer-related deaths among men in the United States and the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most common form of cancer affecting American men, and nearly 12% of men in the United States will receive a diagnosis of prostate cancer in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer symptoms can include, but are not limited to, trouble urinating and pelvic pain, and other symptoms. However, many men diagnosed with prostate cancer never experience symptoms; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 9 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetimes and 1 in 41 men in the United States will die from prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, as of 2021, approximately 174,600 men will receive a diagnosis of prostate cancer. More than approximately 31,600 men will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS most men who receive a prostate cancer diagnosis will receive the diagnosis at age sixty-five (65) years old; however, men can and do receive prostate cancer diagnoses earlier; and

WHEREAS individuals at the greatest risk for prostate cancer include African American men, men over the age of sixty-five (65) years old, and men with family histories of prostate and/or other cancers; and

WHEREAS African American men are at the highest risk for the disease with a rate of 1 in 6 men. African American men are 2.2 times more likely to die from the disease than similarly situated white men; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2021, the National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month commenced; and

WHEREAS hospitals, healthcare and treatment centers, medical organizations, and foundations such as, the Chicago Prostate Cancer Center, and the Prostate Cancer Awareness Foundation, continue to treat patients, conduct, and/or fund research to combat prostate cancer. This ongoing research and work will further improvements in prostate cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, educating people in the United States, including health care providers, about prostate cancer and early detection strategies is crucial to saving the lives of men and preserving and protecting families; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Cook, Illinois shall hereby, recognize the month of September as Prostate Cancer Awareness month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District.