

**PROCLAIMING
PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2010**

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in men after skin cancer, and the second leading cause of cancer death in men, exceeded only by lung cancer; 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 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. 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, in Marin, 276 men are diagnosed annually with prostate cancer, and 27 men die each year due to prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, Marin has the second highest incidence rate for prostate cancer in the State at 186 per 100,000 men, and the 6th lowest mortality rate in the State at 22 deaths per 100,000 men; and

WHEREAS, the survival rate approaches 100% when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 31% when it spreads to 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 have a discussion with their health care provider about screening at age 50. African American men and men with a father or brother diagnosed with prostate cancer before age 65 should begin this discussion at age 45; and

WHEREAS, men with multiple family members diagnosed with prostate cancer before age 65 should begin this discussion with their health care provider 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 Marin County Board of Supervisors, joins communities across the nation to increase awareness about the importance of men making an informed decision about screening for prostate cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims the Month of September 2010, as "Prostate Cancer Month" in Marin County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 14th day of September 2010.