



Proclamation

Recognizing Prostate Cancer Awareness Month September 2008

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the second most diagnosed cancer in the USA today, exceeded only by skin cancer and the second highest cause of 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 186,320 new cases of the disease in the USA in 2008, resulting in 28,660 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 50% more likely to develop this disease than any other group of men; and

WHEREAS, 22,600 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year, and each day more than 8 California men will die from this disease prostate cancer is a leading cause of cancer deaths in men and little is known about this disease and there are usually no symptoms in the early stages; and

WHEREAS, early detection is the key to survival and the survival rate approaches 100% when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 32% when the disease spreads to the other parts of the body and the American Cancer Society recommends that every man should be offered an annual prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test and digital rectal examination (DRE) determined by his age and risk factor; and

WHEREAS, men who have several close relatives who were diagnosed with prostate cancer at an early age could begin their testing at age 40 men who have a father, son, or brother who had prostate cancer before age 65 and African-Americans should begin their testing at age 45 and all other men should begin their testing at age 50; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento City Council joins communities across our nation in recognizing Prostate Cancer Awareness Month to increase awareness about the importance of early detection and treatment of this disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Heather Fargo, Mayor of the City of Sacramento, do hereby proclaim September, 2008 as **Prostate Cancer Awareness Month** in the City of Sacramento and do hereby urge our citizens to join together to raise public awareness of the symptoms, prevention, and treatment of prostate cancer.

ISSUED: This 2nd Day of September 2008.

Heather Fargo
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MAYOR

