

STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

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; and,

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is usually treatable if detected early; and,

WHEREAS, early stage prostate cancer usually has no symptoms; and,

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; and,

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

WHEREAS, Illinois Prostate Cancer Awareness Month will encourage men to discuss prostate cancer with their healthcare provider;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 2016 as **PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in Illinois, and encourage all our men to learn their risk and to speak to their healthcare provider about screening for prostate cancer.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,

this EIGHTH day of AUGUST, in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

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, and of the State of Illinois,

one hundred and NINETY-EIGHTH.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR