

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2016

- 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,** In the United States there are more than 2.8 million men living with prostate cancer, making it the most common cancer in males; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2016, the American Cancer Society estimates that approximately 180,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and over 26,000 men will succumb to the disease; and
- WHEREAS,** Prostate cancer is usually treatable if detected early. Early stage prostate cancer usually has no symptoms. 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,** Health care providers are encouraged to provide men with current information about the benefits and risks of prostate cancer screening before they are screened so that men may make their own informed decision about prostate cancer screening and treatment options.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 2016 as PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,

this 1st day of September
Two Thousand and sixteen

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert H. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Wolk
Secretary of State