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Friends,

Many families lose their loved ones to prostate cancer in the State of Maine every year. It is the second leading cause of cancer-related death among American men and more than half of all men will have some cancer in their prostate by age eighty. Therefore, as good citizens of Maine, it is our duty and responsibility to educate ourselves and each other on the risks we are taking in our daily lives to ensure good health for all.

In order to maintain good health, all men in the State of Maine should become aware of their own risks of prostate cancer, talk with their health care providers about these risks, and have the opportunity to be screened at an appropriate age. Early detection and annual screening has been proved to minimize harm to diagnosed individuals; early prostate cancer is one of the most treatable cancers. There is no current cure for advanced prostate cancer, and this unfortunate truth only adds to the necessity of becoming more knowledgeable about risk factors and treatment options.

Therefore, I urge all citizens of the State of Maine to join me in raising awareness for prostate cancer and securing a healthier and happier tomorrow for our people.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage Governor of Maine

