

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH September 2016

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of almost five years less than women, with African-American men having the lowest life expectancy of all races in the United States; and

WHEREAS, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will reduce rates of mortality from disease; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed among men and is the second most common cause of cancer-related deaths in men; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Health estimates that 7,907 men in Pennsylvania will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and roughly 1,359 men in Pennsylvania will lose their lives to the disease; and

WHEREAS, African-American men, men with a family history of prostate cancer, and men exposed to Agent Orange have the highest prostate cancer incidences and mortality in the world; and

WHEREAS, at any age, prostate cancer devastates families through loss of income, partnerships, and support, so it is important to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; 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 treatable, as prostate cancer is usually treatable if detected early; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, a routine checkup with my doctors led to a diagnosis of a treatable form of prostate cancer. I am a prime example of why routine checkups actually matter and make a difference in the health of all Pennsylvanians; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is committed to protecting men's health and saving lives by continuing to create greater public understanding and awareness, while encouraging men to discuss prostate cancer with their healthcare providers.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim September 2016 as PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to pursue preventive health practices and early detection efforts.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twelfth day of August two thousand sixteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-first.

Tom Wolf
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Governor