

Proclamation

by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

Whereas, other than skin cancer, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in American men; and

Whereas, prostate cancer is the second leading cause of death in men, only behind lung cancer; and

Whereas, while prostate cancer usually grows slowly and initially remains confined in the prostate gland where it may not cause serious harm and may need minimal treatment, other types of prostate cancer are aggressive and can spread quickly; and

Whereas, about one in seven men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime; and

Whereas, according to the American Cancer Society, nationally in 2016, an estimated 180,890 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed and an estimated 26,120 men will die of prostate cancer; and

Whereas, in West Virginia in 2016, the American Cancer Society estimates approximately 1,030 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed resulting in 160 deaths; and

Whereas, early detection and education concerning risk factors for developing prostate cancer and living a healthy lifestyle can help reduce the mortality rate associated with this deadly disease.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 2016* as:

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to become aware of the risks of prostate cancer and urge all men to discuss a screening program with their health care providers.

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

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Eighth day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Fourth year of the State.



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