



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

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 over 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 the 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; however, 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, Alabama Prostate Cancer Awareness Month will encourage men to discuss prostate cancer with their healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS, www.ProstateCancerAwarenessMonth.com provides information on prostate cancer and links to national organizations that provide awareness and services during Prostate Cancer Awareness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 2016, as

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

in the State of Alabama, and encourage all of our men to learn their risk and to speak to their healthcare provider about screening for prostate cancer.

*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of
Montgomery on the 1st day of September 2016.*



Robert Bentley
Robert Bentley, Governor