



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *New Jersey ranks sixth in the nation for men diagnosed with prostate cancer; and*

WHEREAS, *prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among men in New Jersey and the most common cancer in men; and*

WHEREAS, *according to the American Cancer Society, in 2016 an estimated 5,970 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in New Jersey, and 680 will die from the disease; and*

WHEREAS, *one in seven men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime; this figure increases to one in five for African American men; and*

WHEREAS, *African American men have the highest prostate cancer rates in the world and are more than twice as likely to die of prostate cancer as white men; and*

WHEREAS, *the New Jersey Cancer Education and Early Detection (NJCEED) Program urges all men age 50 and older to undergo screenings for prostate cancer and those who have a family history of prostate cancer and African American men should do so at an even younger age; and*

WHEREAS, *more funding for research, patient education and advocacy is essential to reduce the number of men diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer, and programs to educate the public about the need for early detection and prevention represent an important means of generating such funding;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

SEPTEMBER 2016
AS
PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-second day of August in the year two thousand sixteen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

Kim Guadagno
Lt. GOVERNOR

Chris Christie
GOVERNOR