



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers found in men, with thousands diagnosed annually. Fortunately, the prognosis for most of those patients is good if the cancer is detected early.

While this illness can strike any man, it most commonly afflicts those over 50 and African-Americans. Symptoms may range from problems with urination to hip or back pain. Sometimes there are no symptoms at all.

As men, it is critical that we have candid discussions about prostate cancer with our doctors and develop a screening routine. We should also learn about risk factors, ranging from diets rich in fat to a family history of the disease.

Throughout the month of September, organizations across Texas are conducting a campaign to increase awareness and highlight the importance of this issue.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to remain vigilant about screening and early detection for prostate cancer. We can all make a difference in the fight against this terrible disease.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 2016 to be

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
19th day of August, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Governor of Texas