



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 220,800 new cases of prostate cancer diagnosed in the USA in 2015, and 27,540 men will die from prostate cancer. It is estimated that 1 in 7 men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime and 1 in 38 will die from prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men aside from skin cancer, and the second leading cause of cancer death in men aside from lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, the survival rate approaches 100% when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 28% when it spreads to other parts of the body; and

WHEREAS, early prostate cancer usually has no symptoms and advanced prostate cancer commonly spreads to the bones, which can cause pain in the hips, spine, or other areas; and

WHEREAS, recent studies suggest that a diet high in processed meat or dairy foods may be a risk factor, and obesity appears to increase the risk of aggressive prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, obesity and smoking are associated with an increased risk of dying from prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, according to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, African American men are more likely to develop prostate cancer compared with Caucasian men, and are nearly 2.4 times as likely to die from the disease. Although scientists do not yet understand why prostate cancer incidence and death rates are higher among African-American men, it is widely believed that a combination of genetic differences, lifestyle, nutritional habits and medical care may all play a role in the statistics; and

WHEREAS, National Prostate Health Month is observed every September in the United States by health experts, health advocates, and individuals concerned with men's prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, designating a month for the issue serves the purpose of increasing public awareness of the importance of prostate health, educating about risk factors and symptoms of prostate related diseases, and advocating for further research on prostate health issues; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho joins states across our nation to increase the awareness about the importance for men to make an informed decision with their health care provider about early detection and testing for prostate cancer based on their personal values and preferences;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2015 to be

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this the 2nd day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fortieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-sixth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE