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Legislation Text

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To Declare September as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Columbus.

WHEREAS, September was first designated National Prostate Health Month by the American Foundation for Urological Disease (AFUD) in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Prostate cancer constitutes 19% of all cancer diagnoses and 8% of all cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS, In Ohio an estimated 5,840 new cases of prostate cancer and an estimated 1,020 deaths will occur by the end of 2017; and

WHEREAS, Men with relatives - father's, brother's, and son's - who have a history of prostate cancer are twice as likely to develop this disease; and

WHEREAS, Veterans are 1.5 times more likely to get prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in American Men and the third leading cause of cancer death behind lung and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, this year approximately 161,360 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States - this is one man every 3.3 minutes and roughly 26,730 men who will die this year from the disease - equating to one man every 20 minutes; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 8 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer - African-American men are nearly 1.6 times more likely to develop prostate cancer than Caucasian men - moreover African- American men are also 2.4 times more likely than white men to die from this disease; and

WHEREAS, Education and early detection regarding prostate cancer strategies are critical to saving lives, preserving homes, and protecting families; and

WHEREAS, men at risk for prostate cancer should be encouraged by the residents of the City of Columbus to increase their awareness regarding the importance of prostate screenings; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby declare September as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Columbus;" and be it further resolved that the residents of Columbus and Central Ohio encourage men to increase their awareness, and enlist men, particularly those with increased risk, to get the testing that they need to limit this disease.