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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS "PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS" MONTH IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is a type of cancer that typically develops slowly in the prostate gland; however, it
2 can also develop rapidly and spread beyond the prostate; and

3 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the second most common cancer in men other than skin cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, 1 in 456 men under 50 will be diagnosed with prostate cancer within their lifetime. The rate of
5 occurrence increases to 1 in 54 for ages 50-59, 1 in 19 for ages 60-69, and 1-11 for men 70 and older; and

6 WHEREAS, older men and African-American men have an increased risk of developing prostate cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, the average age of diagnosis is 66, and diagnosis before 40 is rare but not impossible; and

8 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates in 2023, 288,300 new cases and 34,700 deaths in the United
9 States, with 1,330 new cases and 100 deaths estimated in the State of Delaware; and

10 WHEREAS, amidst so much optimism and progress in the last 10 years, prostate cancer is second to lung cancer
11 as the leading cause of cancer death among men in the U.S.; and

12 WHEREAS, with roughly 3.1 million men in the United States currently living with prostate cancer, 98% of men
13 do survive due to early detection and diagnosis; and

14 WHEREAS, some symptoms of prostate cancer include: the frequent urge to urinate, difficulty urinating, blood in
15 urine, and pain in the lower back and hips; and

16 WHEREAS, Prostate Cancer Awareness Month was established in 2003 by President George W. Bush; and

17 WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Prostate Conditions Education Council that starting at age 40, men should
18 have a baseline Prostate-Specific Antigen test and a Digital Rectal Exam to check for prostate cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, the color that represents prostate cancer awareness is light blue.

20 NOW, THEREFORE:

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
22 Representatives concurring therein, that the General Assembly designates September 2023 as “Prostate Cancer Awareness
23 Month” in the State of Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes September 2023 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in the State of Delaware.

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