Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 268,490 new cases of prostate cancer in the United States in 2022, resulting in an estimated 34,500 deaths; and

Whereas, it is estimated 1,550 men in West Virginia will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2022 and, it is estimated 190 West Virginian men will die from this disease; and

Whereas, Black men in the United States and the Caribbean have the highest documented prostate cancer incidence rates in the world; and

Whereas, early prostate cancer usually has no symptoms and studies suggest strong familial predisposition may be responsible for 5 to 10 percent of the disease cases; and

Whereas, late-stage prostate cancer commonly spreads to the bones, which can cause pain in the hips, spine, ribs, or other areas in the body; and

Whereas, the five-year survival rate approaches 100 percent when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 30 percent when it spreads to the other parts of the body; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society recommends men should have an opportunity to make an informed decision about whether to be tested for prostate cancer based on their personal values and preferences; and

Whereas, prostate cancer treatment decisions should be based on clinician recommendations as well as patient values and preferences.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim September 2022 as:

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.

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Governor

By the Governor:

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Secretary of State