



Proclamation

Issued by the Mayor

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month September 2001

WHEREAS, over 1,000,000 American families live with prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, one American man in six will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer and the second most common cancer killer of American men; and

WHEREAS, 198,000 American men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and 31,500 American men will die of prostate cancer in 2001, according to American Cancer Society estimates; and

WHEREAS, fully ¼ of new cases of prostate cancer occur in men during their prime working years; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have the highest incidence and mortality rates of prostate cancer in the world; and

WHEREAS, screening by both digit rectal examination and prostate specific antigen blood test (PSA) can diagnose the disease in earlier and more treatable stages and have reduced prostate cancer mortality; and

WHEREAS, the research pipeline promises further improvements in prostate cancer prevention, early detection, and treatments; and

WHEREAS, educating Americans, including health care providers, about prostate cancer and early detection strategies is crucial to saving men's lives and preserving and protecting our families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Heather Fargo, Mayor of the City of Sacramento, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2001 as **Prostate Cancer Awareness Month** in the City of Sacramento, in an effort to raise awareness about the importance of screening methods and treatment of prostate cancer.

ISSUED: This 4th Day of September 2001.

Heather Fargo
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MAYOR