

Attachment D: Sample Proclamations

Example Proclamation 1:

Proclamation to Declare September, XXDAYXX, 2023 as Prostate Cancer Screening Awareness Day

As September is known nationally as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and Input your organization to bring greater awareness and participation in prostate cancer screening, individuals and organizations are encouraged to proclaim and celebrate XXDAYXX, September XXDATEXX as Prostate Cancer Screening Awareness Day. While wearing blue clothing, join with others across the state to recognize the importance of prostate cancer screening.

WHEREAS, prostate cancer poses a significant threat to the health and well-being of men in the United States, with one in eight individuals being diagnosed with this formidable disease; and

WHEREAS, it is of paramount importance for all individuals with a prostate to proactively minimize their risk and engage in open discussions with their esteemed medical professionals regarding their personal risk factors; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer often exhibits a slow growth rate and remains asymptomatic, leading to a considerable number of cases going undetected until appropriate screening measures are undertaken; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a family history of prostate cancer significantly heightens an individual's susceptibility to this pernicious ailment, whereby the risk is doubled for those with close relatives, such as fathers, brothers, or sons, who have previously been diagnosed with the disease; and

WHEREAS, Black/African American men face an augmented risk of developing prostate cancer, further highlighting the necessity for comprehensive and accessible screening initiatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is proclaimed that:

Example Proclamation 2:

Proclamation to Declare September, 8, 2023 as Prostate Cancer Screening Awareness Day

Prostate cancer occurs only in men, and it is more common in older men than younger men. It is more likely to occur in Black/African American men and men with a family history of prostate cancer. ([SEER](#))

Between 2015-2019, West Virginia reported 6,464 prostate cases, and 920 prostate deaths. Seventy Eight percent of all prostate cancers reported during this time were diagnosed as localized, showing how important prostate cancer screening is. ([WV Burden Report 2022](#))

The Prostate Cancer Screening Awareness Day designation brings awareness to prostate cancer and encourages men and of average risk, ages 55-69, and those with a personal and family history, and those of Black/African American ancestry to screen for prostate cancer on time.

In recognition of the important lifesaving prevention and early detection practices available for prostate cancer, I, _____ of _____, do

hereby proclaim September **XXXX**, 2023, as **XXXX** Day in _____. I urge all _____ citizens to wear blue clothing together to unite in promoting the importance of prostate cancer screening.

XXXX = Please customize for your location/event day and day time