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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the second most common type of
2 cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death among American
3 men; and

4 WHEREAS, One in every nine men is diagnosed with prostate
5 cancer over the course of his lifetime, and in 2019, experts
6 estimate that there will be nearly 175,000 new cases and more than
7 31,500 deaths from prostate cancer; this year, approximately 10,660
8 Texas men are expected to be diagnosed and another 1,900 Texans will
9 die from the disease; and

10 WHEREAS, Although prostate cancer affects men of all races
11 and socioeconomic levels, African Americans are at an increased
12 risk; overall, African American men are 1.7 times more likely to be
13 diagnosed with and 2.3 times more likely to die from prostate cancer
14 than white men; African American men are also slightly more likely
15 than white men to be diagnosed with advanced stages of the disease,
16 which coincide with a far less optimistic prognosis; and

17 WHEREAS, Early detection and treatment offer prostate cancer
18 patients the best hope for a full recovery, and improving patient
19 outcomes depends a great deal on increasing public awareness of
20 prostate cancer and its risk factors; men are advised to consult
21 with their physicians to assess their individual risk of developing
22 prostate cancer and to determine whether screenings and other tests
23 are appropriate; and

24 WHEREAS, Additional focus is needed on the personal and

1 social burdens of prostate cancer in order to provide patients,
2 their families, and their caregivers the support they require;
3 individuals diagnosed with prostate cancer can benefit from
4 learning about the disease from health care providers, as well as
5 from taking advantage of support groups and other resources to help
6 them better cope with their illness and treatment process; and

7 WHEREAS, There are more scientific studies to be done to keep
8 the medical community on the leading edge of prostate cancer
9 treatments, and the observance of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
10 in September is an opportunity for the State of Texas to affirm its
11 commitment to prostate cancer research as a priority of great
12 importance; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize September 2019 as Prostate Cancer
15 Awareness Month and encourage Texans to seek out more information
16 about prostate cancer.