

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 138

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A RESOLUTION

To designate September 2021 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer among men in Louisiana and the second most frequently diagnosed in men worldwide; and

WHEREAS, during 2021, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 248,530 new cases of prostate cancer and 34,130 deaths from prostate cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, one in eight men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is rare in men younger than forty, but the chance of having prostate cancer rises rapidly after age fifty and approximately sixty percent of cases are found in men older than sixty-five; and

WHEREAS, most prostate cancers occur in men without a family history of it, but having a father or brother with prostate cancer more than doubles a man's risk of developing this disease with the risk becoming much higher for men with several affected relatives; and

WHEREAS, despite its frequency of diagnosis, if prostate cancer is detected in the early stages, the survival rate is nearly one hundred percent; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer can often be found early by testing for prostate-specific antigen levels in a man's blood; and

WHEREAS, an annual blood test is recommended for men starting at age fifty and at age forty-five for those with family members with prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, men who have prostate cancer and are educated about the value of early detection will be more likely to have the cancer detected when it is treatable; and

WHEREAS, National Prostate Health Month, also known as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, is observed every September in North America by health experts, health advocates, and individuals concerned with men's prostate health and prostate cancer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate September 2021 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Baton Rouge Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE