



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- 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 248,530 new cases of prostate cancer in the United States in 2021, resulting in an estimated 34,130 deaths; and
WHEREAS: It is estimated 4,020 men in Minnesota will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year, and it is estimated 560 men in Minnesota 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 one in three African American men will develop prostate cancer in his lifetime; 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 and patient values and preferences.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2021, as:

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 15th day of August.

[Handwritten signature of Tim Walz]

GOVERNOR

[Handwritten signature of Steve Simon]

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon