

Proclamation

WHEREAS, One in eight men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime; and
WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2024, about 4,630 Arizonans will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, and 890 will die from the disease; and
WHEREAS, The risk of developing prostate cancer increases significantly after age 50 and most diagnoses happen after age 65, though African American and Caribbean men of African descent are both more likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer and more likely to develop the disease at a younger age; and
WHEREAS, Researchers have identified several other risk factors for the disease, including having a brother or father who had prostate cancer, exposure to certain chemicals, and possible genetic changes, though there is no way to predict who will get prostate cancer; and
WHEREAS, When detected early, prostate cancer is easier to treat and less likely to be fatal, and an array of screening tools can help patients and doctors find cancer early; and
WHEREAS, Men who understand their prostate cancer risk and the importance of early detection are more likely to participate in regular screening; and
WHEREAS, The Arizona Prostate Cancer Coalition is an inclusive all-volunteer statewide nonprofit organization that promotes awareness, education, early detection, effective treatment, and support for prostate cancer patients, their loved ones, and caregivers; and
WHEREAS, Arizona Prostate Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to save lives by increasing awareness of prostate cancer throughout our state, encouraging men to know their risk, and engaging their health care providers in shared decision making regarding prostate cancer screening in order to promote early detection and treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as

ARIZONA PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

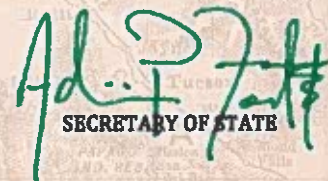
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-ninth day of July in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

