

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, more than 3,200,000 men in the United States are living with prostate cancer; and  
**WHEREAS**, a recent publication from the American Cancer Society entitled "Cancer Facts & Figures 2023" notes that an estimated 288,300 people in the United States will receive a prostate cancer diagnosis in 2023, and an estimated 34,700 Americans will die from prostate cancer this year; and  
**WHEREAS**, an estimated 5,060 people who live in Arizona will receive a prostate cancer diagnosis during 2023, and an estimated 850 Arizonans will die from prostate cancer; and  
**WHEREAS**, prostate cancer can devastate families, friends, and finances; and  
**WHEREAS**, risk factors for developing prostate cancer include advancing age, African ancestry, a family history of prostate cancer, and exposure to certain chemicals, such as Agent Orange; and  
**WHEREAS**, early stage prostate cancer has no symptoms and is the most curable; and  
**WHEREAS**, while no single, simple prostate cancer test exists, there is an established prostate cancer screening process to identify further diagnostic needs; and  
**WHEREAS**, men who understand their prostate cancer risk factors and the prostate cancer screening process are more likely to be proactive in getting screened for prostate cancer; and  
**WHEREAS**, among various other prostate cancer advocacy groups in the state, the Arizona Prostate Cancer Coalition, Inc. is an inclusive all-volunteer statewide nonprofit organization promoting awareness, education, early detection, effective treatment and support for prostate cancer patients, their families and caregivers; and  
**WHEREAS**, Arizona Prostate Cancer Awareness Month will increase prostate cancer visibility throughout our state, encourage men to know their risk factors, understand the prostate cancer screening process, and timely engage their health care providers in shared decision making regarding being screened for prostate cancer in order to detect prostate cancer at an earlier more curable stage, resulting in saved lives.  
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 2023 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-second day of August in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

