IN RECOGNITION OF SEPTEMBER AS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH September 10, 2025

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in American men and is the most common non-skin cancer in America, with 1 in 8 men diagnosed with prostate cancer sometime in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be over 313,000 new cases of prostate cancer in the United States in 2025, resulting in an estimated 36,000 deaths; and

WHEREAS, a man is more likely to develop prostate cancer than he is to develop colon, kidney, melanoma, and stomach cancers combined; and

WHEREAS, for Black men, 1 in 6 will develop prostate cancer and are more than twice likely to die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, early-stage prostate cancer usually has no symptoms and studies suggest strong genetic predisposition may be responsible for five to ten percent of prostate cancer; 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, risk factors for prostate cancer are increasing with age, African ancestry, a family history of the disease, and certain inherited genetic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that men have a conversation with their health care provider and make an informed decision about whether to be tested for prostate cancer based on their personal values and preferences.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco joins communities across our nation, AHMC Seton Medical Center, and other health care providers to increase awareness about early detection and testing for prostate cancer and designates September 2025 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

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Dated: September 10, 2025