

**RECOGNITION OF SEPTEMBER AS
PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

September 23, 2020

***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 191,930 new cases of prostate cancer in the United States of America in 2020, resulting in an estimated 33,330 deaths; and*

***WHEREAS**, it is estimated 20,160 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and it is estimated 3,890 California men will die from this disease this year; and*

***WHEREAS**, Black men in the United States of America and Caribbean have the highest documented prostate cancer incidence rates in the world; and*

***WHEREAS**, early prostate cancer usually has no symptoms and studies suggest strong familial predisposition may be responsible for 5% to 10% of the disease cases; and*

***WHEREAS**, the 5-year survival rate approaches 100% when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 31% when it spreads to the other parts of the body; and*

***WHEREAS**, the rapid reduction in prostate cancer mortality is attributed to early detection through Prostate-Specific Antigen testing and advancement in treatment; and*

***WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society recommends that 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**, the City of South San Francisco joins communities across our nation to increase the awareness about the importance for men to make an informed decision with their health care provider about early detection and testing for prostate cancer.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Mayor Richard Garbarino and the City Council of South San Francisco do hereby proclaim September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month*