

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most commonly-diagnosed non-skin cancer and the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in men; and

WHEREAS, this year approximately 174,650 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed and 31,620 associated deaths will occur; and

WHEREAS, improved awareness of prostate cancer, early detection, and access to recent medical advances contribute to survival and extending the time a patient lives; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer affects all races and socioeconomic classes but research finds that people of color often face greater barriers to accessing care and report lower utilization rates; and

WHEREAS, patients should consult their physicians regarding individual risk to developing prostate cancer, screening, tests and to understand the risks and possible benefits of screening; and

WHEREAS, there is still more research to be done for prostate cancer so that new and more effective treatments can be developed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 2020 as

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 4th day of August, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

