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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, One in nine men will be diagnosed with prostate  
3 cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of  
5 cancer death among American men and the most commonly  
6 diagnosed; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2019, there are expected to be approximately  
8 174,650 new cases of prostate cancer and nearly 31,620 deaths  
9 from the disease in the United States; in Illinois, it is  
10 estimated that 6,690 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer  
11 in 2019; and

12 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer affects all races and  
13 socioeconomic classes; however, compared to white men and other  
14 men of color, African American men are at an increased risk for  
15 developing prostate cancer; one in six African American men  
16 will develop prostate cancer; overall, African American men are  
17 1.7 times more likely to be diagnosed with, and 2.3 times more  
18 likely to die from, prostate cancer than white men; African  
19 American men are also slightly more likely than white men to be  
20 diagnosed with advanced stages of the disease; and

21 WHEREAS, Finding prostate cancer when it is still at an

1 early stage offers the best hope for effective treatment and a  
2 cancer-free life; and

3 WHEREAS, If the disease progresses to metastatic  
4 castration-resistant prostate cancer (CRPC), the prognosis is  
5 poor, with a median survival of approximately three years; the  
6 patient, family, health, and economic burdens of prostate  
7 cancer, particularly of advanced-state cancer, are large; and

8 WHEREAS, Improved awareness of prostate cancer, an  
9 understanding of increased risks for developing the disease, as  
10 well as access to recent medical advances that may extend the  
11 time a patient lives without his cancer spreading are important  
12 to improve the patient's outcome; and

13 WHEREAS, Shared decision making between the patient, his  
14 family and other caregivers, and a physician is important to  
15 support the appropriate care for an individual's clinical  
16 situation; and

17 WHEREAS, Patients should consult their physicians  
18 regarding individual risk for developing prostate cancer, to  
19 determine when screening and other tests for early detection of  
20 prostate cancer are needed, and to understand the risks and  
21 possible benefits of screening; and

1           WHEREAS, Individuals who are diagnosed with prostate  
2 cancer can speak with their physician and other health care  
3 providers to learn more about the disease; they can also find  
4 support groups and services in their community or online; and

5           WHEREAS, Additional focus is needed on the personal and  
6 social burdens of prostate cancer to anticipate the needs and  
7 provide support to the patient, his family, and other  
8 caregivers; and

9           WHEREAS, Additional research on prostate cancer is needed,  
10 so new and more effective treatments can be developed, as well  
11 as a push for critical research and advanced treatments for  
12 prostate cancer; therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare September  
15 2019 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State of  
16 Illinois, and we ask the citizens of Illinois to become aware  
17 of prostate cancer, so they can have an informed conversation  
18 with their health care provider regarding possible screening  
19 and diagnostic methods and, if necessary, treatments to improve  
20 the outcomes and the psychosocial support for people affected  
21 by the disease.