

By: Senator(s) Frazier, Barnett, Branning,
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 534

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT SEPTEMBER 2021 IS
2 "PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN MISSISSIPPI.

3 WHEREAS, one in nine men will be diagnosed with prostate
4 cancer during his lifetime; and

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

8 WHEREAS, in 2021 there are expected to be about 164,690 new
9 cases of prostate cancer and about 29,430 deaths from prostate
10 cancer. In Mississippi it is estimated that 2,380 men will be
11 diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2021; and

12 WHEREAS, prostate cancer affects all races and socioeconomic
13 classes. However, African-American men are at an increased risk
14 for developing prostate cancer compared to white men and other men
15 of color. One in six African-American men will develop prostate
16 cancer in his lifetime; and

17 WHEREAS, overall, African-American men are 1.7 times more
18 likely to be diagnosed with and 2.3 times more likely to die from



19 prostate cancer than white men. African-American men are also
20 slightly more likely than white men to be diagnosed with advanced
21 stages of the disease; and

22 WHEREAS, finding prostate cancer when it is still at an early
23 stage offers the best hope for effective treatment and living
24 cancer free; and

25 WHEREAS, if the disease progresses to metastatic
26 castration-resistant prostate cancer (CRPC), the prognosis is poor
27 with median survival of about three years; and

28 WHEREAS, the patient, family, health and economic burdens of
29 prostate cancer, particularly of advanced-stage, are large; and

30 WHEREAS, improved awareness of prostate cancer, understanding
31 of increased risks for developing it, as well as access to recent
32 medical advances that may extend the time a patient lives without
33 their cancer spreading, are important to improve patient outcomes;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, shared decision making between the patient, his
36 family and other caregivers, and a physician is important to
37 support the appropriate care for an individual's clinical
38 situation; and

39 WHEREAS, patients should consult their physicians regarding
40 individual risk to developing prostate cancer as well as when
41 screening and related tests for early detection of prostate cancer
42 are indicated, and to understand the risks and possible benefits
43 of screening; and



44 WHEREAS, individuals diagnosed with prostate cancer can speak
45 with their physician and other health care providers to learn more
46 about the disease, and find support groups and services in their
47 community or online; and

48 WHEREAS, additional focus is needed on the personal and
49 social burdens of prostate cancer to anticipate the needs and
50 provide support to the patient, his family and other caregivers;
51 and

52 WHEREAS, there is still more research to be done for prostate
53 cancer so that new and more effective treatments can be developed.
54 Mississippi will continue to push for critical research and
55 advance treatments for prostate cancer:

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
57 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
58 we do hereby declare September 2021 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness
59 Month" in Mississippi.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we ask the citizens of
61 Mississippi to become informed and aware of prostate cancer so
62 that they can have an informed conversation with their health care
63 provider regarding possible screening and diagnostic methods and,
64 if necessary, treatments to improve health outcomes and
65 psychosocial support for people affected by prostate cancer.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to
67 the Mississippi Cancer League and made available to the Capitol
68 Press Corps.

