Proclamation To Designate September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Whereas, prostate cancer constitutes 20% of all male cancer diagnoses and 10% of all male cancer deaths; and

Whereas, in Texas, an estimated 12,110 new cases of prostate cancer and an estimated 2,310 deaths will occur in 2020; and

Whereas, African-American men, men with a family history of prostate cancer, firefighters, and men exposed to Agent Grange are at highest risk; and

Whereas, prostate cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer in American men only behind skin cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death in men behind lung cancer; and

Whereas, this year approximately 191,930 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States — that's one man every 2.7 minutes - and roughly 33,330 will die this year from the disease — which is one man every 15.8 minutes; and

Whereas, 1 in 9 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime. African American men are at the highest risk for the disease with a rate of 1 in 6 men. African American men are also 2.1 times more likely to die from the disease; and

Whereas, prostate cancer not only affects men but also affects their family and friends; and

Whereas, Education regarding prostate cancer and early detection strategies are critical to saving lives, preserving, and protecting our families; and

Whereas, all men are at risk for prostate cancer, the citizens of Bosque County are encouraged to increase their personal awareness of prostate cancer and of the importance of prostate cancer screenings.

Therefore, I, Cindy Vanlandingham, County Judge, Bosque County, do hereby proclaim "September 2021 as

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Signed this 30th day of August, 2021

Cindy Vanlandingham, County Judge, Bosque County