

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **Prostate Cancer Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, prostate cancer constitutes 14.7% of all male cancer diagnoses and 5.7% of all male cancer deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, in Texas, an estimated 17,230 new cases of prostate cancer and an estimated 2,290 deaths will occur in 2023; and

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

**WHEREAS**, this year approximately 288,300 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States and roughly 34,700 will die from the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 8 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime. Prostate cancer is more likely to develop in older men and in non-Hispanic Black men. About 6 cases in 10 are diagnosed in men who are 65 or older, and it is rare in men under 40. The average age of men when they are first diagnosed is about 66; and

**WHEREAS**, prostate cancer education and early detection strategies are critical to saving lives and preserving and protecting our families; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Tarrant County are encouraged to increase their personal awareness of prostate cancer and of the importance of early detection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and urge all citizens to take the initiative to increase public awareness in our community to prevent, detect, and treat this disease.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.