

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Amaro, Arias, Boylan, J. Carlucci, Carlucci, Carrico,
3 Clark-Murray, Diamond, Gaffney, Jr., Gay, Howland, Johnson, Lahnen,
4 Miller, Peluso, Pittman, Salem and White:

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7 **RESOLUTION 2023-624-A**

8 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS PROSTATE
9 CANCER AWARENESS MONTH; REQUESTING EMERGENCY
10 PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN
11 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 **WHEREAS**, in 2023, the American Cancer Society estimates there
14 will be about 288,300 new cases and about 34,700 deaths from prostate
15 cancer; and

16 **WHEREAS**, there is a higher survival rate upon early detection,
17 so it is essential to increase awareness about the screening
18 guidelines and symptoms of prostate cancer so that it can be treated
19 as early as possible; and

20 **WHEREAS**, prostate cancer does not affect the population
21 equally, with African American men, men over the age of 65, and men
22 who have a family history of prostate cancer more likely to be
23 diagnosed and to die from this disease; and

24 **WHEREAS**, while scientists endeavor to better understand
25 prostate cancer and develop innovative treatments, it is imperative
26 that individuals, government agencies, private businesses, nonprofit
27 organizations, and other interested groups raise public awareness
28 about early prostate cancer screening and prevention; now therefore

29 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

30 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby recognizes
31 September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, providing an

1 opportunity to mourn those lost to the disease, offer strength to
2 those going through cancer treatment, thank the health care workers
3 who provide support to those diagnosed with prostate cancer, and join
4 forces to increase prevention and early detection.

5 **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**
6 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
7 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
8 emergency is that September is designated nationally as Prostate
9 Cancer Awareness Month and the City Council desires to show its
10 support for prostate cancer awareness in Jacksonville.

11 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
12 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
13 without the Mayor's signature.

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15 Form Approved:

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17 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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