

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2023-624**

5 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS PROSTATE
6 CANCER AWARENESS MONTH; REQUESTING EMERGENCY
7 PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN
8 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, in 2023, the American Cancer Society estimates there
11 will be about 288,300 new cases and about 34,700 deaths from prostate
12 cancer; and

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

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

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

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

27 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby recognizes
28 September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, providing an
29 opportunity to mourn those lost to the disease, offer strength to
30 those going through cancer treatment, thank the health care workers
31 who provide support to those diagnosed with prostate cancer, and join

1 forces to increase prevention and early detection.

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

8 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
9 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
10 without the Mayor's signature.

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /s/ Carla A. Lopera

15 Office of General Counsel

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