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County Executive Shapiro and County Council Pass Legislation Recognizing the Month of September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in Summit County

Summit County Executive Shapiro and Summit County Council passed legislation (2018-316) recognizing the month of September 2018 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in Summit County. The legislation emphasizes the importance of education and early detection strategies as well as recognizing the losses of family members and friends to prostate cancer, and encourages the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement.

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in men in the United States, and the third leading cause of cancer deaths. On an annual basis, approximately 164,690 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer on a national scale, and in Ohio, an estimated 5,810 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed. Nationwide, roughly 29,430 individuals will lose their battle with prostate cancer each year.

“It is important to not only recognize the lives that have tragically been lost to this disease, but also to support and celebrate the survivors, their family members, and loved ones,” said Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro. “We hope that through continued education and early detection, there will be more lives saved and increased resources and options for those who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer.”

One in nine men are diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetimes and one in six African American men will develop the disease. Additionally, veterans who have been exposed to herbicides such as Agent Orange are also at increased risk for developing prostate cancer. Early detection is critical, and if caught early, prostate cancer has a five-year survival rate of nearly 100 percent.

“Summit County is proud to recognize the month of September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month,” said District 4 Summit County Councilmember Jeff Wilhite. “As prostate cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among American men, it is crucial for men to be proactive in knowing their health risks and status.”

For more information:

<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/prostate-cancer.html>

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