

House Resolution 1655

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September, 2018, as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month at the state
2 capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, prostate cancer, a condition affecting the central urological system for which
4 there is currently no known cure, is the most common type of cancer among men and the
5 second leading cause of cancer related deaths among men in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, approximately 180,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year
7 and more than 26,000 will die of it; and

8 WHEREAS, African American men, men with a family history of prostate cancer, and men
9 exposed to Agent Orange are at highest risk of developing the illness and family members
10 of prostate cancer patients are eight times more likely to develop the illness; and

11 WHEREAS, millions of men worldwide suffer from prostate cancer; it is both common and
12 highly debilitating and 15-20 percent of individuals with the illness may be on long-term
13 disability; and

14 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is usually treatable if it is detected early but it often goes
15 undiagnosed due to inadequate public awareness and many individuals' infrequent
16 screenings, and medical professionals and members of the health care industry often lack
17 training in the newest breakthroughs in its diagnosis and treatment; and

18 WHEREAS, early stage prostate cancer usually has no symptoms but men who are educated
19 about the value of early detection and who discuss treatment options with their health care
20 providers and families are more likely to have the cancer detected while it is treatable and
21 to make good treatment decisions; and

22 WHEREAS, www.checkitandcorrectit.com provides information on prostate cancer
23 awareness and links to national organizations that provide awareness and services during
24 Prostate Cancer Awareness Month; and

25 WHEREAS, increased awareness of the stark realities of prostate cancer and its impact on
26 patients' function and quality of life will enable the public to better support people who
27 struggle with the multifaceted management challenges of this complex, chronic,
28 pain-inducing illness and common comorbid or coexisting conditions; and

29 WHEREAS, individuals with prostate cancer have a right to be treated with dignity, as well
30 as a right to pain relief; and

31 WHEREAS, the National Prostate Awareness Association (NPAA), a nonprofit 501(c)3
32 charitable organization, members of its Leaders Against Prostate Action Network, NPAA
33 affiliate collaborative organizations, and other groups around the state and country have
34 joined to advocate for increased prostate awareness, support, and a better future through
35 research, diagnosis, education, screenings, and treatments; and

36 WHEREAS, the President of the United States proclaims September as National Prostate
37 Cancer Awareness Month each year.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body recognize September, 2018, as National Prostate Cancer
40 Awareness Month at the state capitol.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
43 public and the press.