

**PROCLAMATION
PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2014**

WHEREAS, countless families in the United States live with prostate cancer;

WHEREAS, 1 in 6 males in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetimes;

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer and the second most common cause of cancer-related deaths among males in the United States;

WHEREAS, in 2013 the National Cancer Institute estimated that nearly 240,000 men will be diagnosed with and more than 29,000 men will die of prostate cancer;

WHEREAS, 39 percent of newly diagnosed prostate cancer cases occur in males under the age of 65;

WHEREAS, approximately every 14 seconds, a male in the United States turns 50 years old and increases his odds of developing cancer, including prostate cancer;

WHEREAS, African-American males suffer from a prostate cancer incidence rate that is up to 65 percent higher than White males and have double the prostate cancer mortality rate of White males;

WHEREAS, obesity is a significant predictor of the severity of prostate cancer;

WHEREAS, the probability that obesity will lead to death and high cholesterol levels is strongly associated with advanced prostate cancer;

WHEREAS, males in the United States with one family member diagnosed with prostate cancer have 33 percent higher chance of being diagnosed with the disease, males with two close family members diagnosed have an 83 percent chance, and males with three family members diagnosed have a 97 percent chance;

WHEREAS, screening by a digital rectal examination and a prostate-specific antigen blood test can detect the disease at the early stages, increasing the chances of survival for more than five years to nearly 100 percent;

WHEREAS, only 33 percent of males survive more than five years if diagnosed with prostate cancer after it has metastasized;

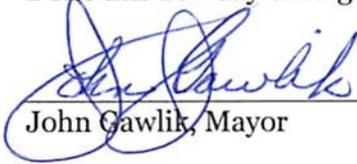
WHEREAS, there are no noticeable symptoms of prostate cancer while it is in the early stage, making screening critical;

WHEREAS, ongoing research promises further improvements in prostate cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment;

WHEREAS, educating people in the United States, including health care providers, about prostate cancer and early detection strategies is crucial to saving the lives of males and preserving and protecting families;

NOW THEREFORE, I John Gawlik, Mayor of the City of Selah, do hereby proclaim September 2014 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

Done this 26th day of August, 2014.



John Gawlik, Mayor