

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Paula M. DeLaney

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## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the year 2000, the month of September is declared National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, approximately 180,000 men in the United States will learn that they have prostate cancer and, across the nation, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer in men; and

WHEREAS, approximately 32,000 men will lose their lives to this disease this year, and one in six men in the nation are at risk of developing prostate cancer during their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, about 25 percent of prostate cancer occurs in men under the age of 65, during their prime years at work, and this cancer devastates families, through loss of income, partnership and support, and leaves too many parents, women, children and other family members without the man they love; and

WHEREAS, African American families are disproportionately affected, and African American men had the highest prostate cancer incidence and mortality rates in the world; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer has accounted, on average, for 15 percent of the nation's cancer burden and 15 percent of male cancer deaths, it has received, on average, only about 5 percent of the funds this nation commits annually to cancer research; and

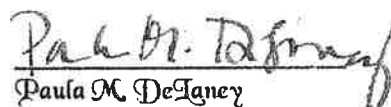
WHEREAS, research suggests that men could reduce their risk of prostate cancer mortality if they followed recommended prostate cancer screening guidelines, including examination by a health care provider and becoming informed that increased awareness and use of early detection practices by men is essential to controlling prostate cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paula M. DeLaney, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim September 2000 as

## PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Gainesville and I urge all men in Gainesville to become aware of their own risks of prostate cancer, talk to their health care providers about prostate cancer and, whenever appropriate, get screened for the disease. I further encourage all residents to become involved in the war on prostate and all cancers through this City's education and advocacy initiatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 15th day of September, A.D., 2000.

  
Paula M. DeLaney  
Mayor