



PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
September 2023



WHEREAS: Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in American men, with 1 in 8 men being diagnosed in their lifetime. It is also the third leading cause of cancer death behind lung and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS: This year, approximately 288,300 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States alone – one man every 2 minutes. Roughly 34,700 will die this year from the disease, which is about 3,500 more than 2020 – one man every 15 minutes; and

WHEREAS: In New Jersey, an estimated 9,460 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed and an estimated 730 deaths will occur in 2023; and

WHEREAS: If caught early, prostate cancer has a five-year survival rate of nearly 100%. However, late-stage prostate cancer has a five-year survival rate of 31%; and

WHEREAS: Many more men are expected to be diagnosed at a later stage in 2023 because of delayed screenings and treatment due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: Education regarding prostate cancer and early detection strategies is critical to saving lives and protecting people from the emotional, economic, and social burdens of this disease; and

WHEREAS: All men are at risk for prostate cancer, so we encourage residents to learn more and get screened. Now,

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim September 2023, and every September going forward, as **Prostate Cancer Awareness Month** in the Township of Middletown. We encourage our community to join us in recognizing this month and help raise awareness for this important cause.

*Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the Township of Middletown,
this twenty-first day of August in the year two thousand twenty-three*

Mayor Tony Perry