



PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

September 2024



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

WHEREAS: This year, approximately 299,010 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States alone. Roughly 34,700 will die this year from the disease; and

WHEREAS: In New Jersey, an estimated 9,860 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed, and an estimated 740 deaths will occur in 2024; 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 28%; 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 strongly encourage residents to learn more and get screened. Now,

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim September 2024, 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-third day of September in the year two thousand twenty-four

Mayor Tony Perry	