Proclamation
Office of the Mayor

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, all men are at risk for prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, in the United States in 2024, approximately 299,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer equating to one man every 2 minutes, and roughly 35,250 will die this year from the disease, which is one man every 15 minutes; 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, men with a family history of prostate cancer are twice as likely to develop the disease; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in American Men and the third leading cause of cancer death behind lung and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 8 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime and 1 in 6 African American men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime, which is a 1.7 times higher diagnosis rate and a 2.1 times mortality rate than white men; and

WHEREAS, veterans who were exposed to herbicides like Agent Orange are at increased risk for developing prostate cancer, and are more likely to have an aggressive form of the disease; and

WHEREAS, education regarding prostate cancer and early detection strategies are critical to saving lives; and

WHEREAS, if caught early prostate cancer has a five-year survival rate of nearly 100%.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Danielle DiPaola, on behalf of the Governing Body, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2026 to be PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in the Borough of Emerson and, further, encourage male citizens of Emerson to include prostate health screenings as part of their regular wellness routine.

Mayor Danielle DiPaola
September 1, 2026