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5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,  
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR37,

5 PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2021 AS PROSTATE CANCER  
6 AWARENESS MONTH.

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8 WHEREAS, one in nine men will be diagnosed with  
9 prostate cancer during his lifetime; and

10 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the second leading cause  
11 of cancer death among American men and is the most commonly  
12 diagnosed; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2021, there are expected to be about  
14 164,690 new cases of prostate cancer and about 29,430 deaths  
15 from prostate cancer; in Alabama, it is estimated that 4,020  
16 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2021; and

17 WHEREAS, prostate cancer affects all races and  
18 socioeconomic classes; however, African American men are at an  
19 increased risk for developing prostate cancer compared to  
20 white men and other men of color; one in six African American  
21 men will develop prostate cancer in his lifetime; and

22 WHEREAS, overall, African American men are 1.7 times  
23 more likely to be diagnosed with, and 2.3 times more likely to  
24 die from, prostate cancer than white men; African American men

1 are also slightly more likely than white men to be diagnosed  
2 with advanced stages of the disease; and

3 WHEREAS, finding prostate cancer when it is still at  
4 an early stage offers the best hope for effective treatment  
5 and living cancer free; and

6 WHEREAS, if the disease progresses to metastatic  
7 castration-resistant prostate cancer (CRPC), the prognosis is  
8 poor with median survival of about three years; and

9 WHEREAS, the patient, family, health, and economic  
10 burdens of prostate cancer, particularly of advanced stage  
11 cancer, are large; and

12 WHEREAS, improved awareness of prostate cancer,  
13 understanding of increased risks for developing it, as well as  
14 access to recent medical advances that may extend the time a  
15 patient lives without his cancer spreading are important to  
16 improve patient outcomes; and

17 WHEREAS, shared decision making between the patient,  
18 his family and other caregivers, and a physician is important  
19 to support the appropriate care for an individual's clinical  
20 situation; and

21 WHEREAS, patients should consult their physicians  
22 regarding individual risk to developing prostate cancer, as  
23 well as when screening and related tests for early detection  
24 of prostate cancer are indicated, to understand the risks and  
25 possible benefits of screening; and

1           WHEREAS, individuals diagnosed with prostate cancer  
2 can speak with their physicians and other health care  
3 providers to learn more about the disease and find support  
4 groups and services in their community or online; and

5           WHEREAS, additional focus is needed on the personal  
6 and social burdens of prostate cancer to anticipate the needs  
7 and to provide support to the patient and his family and other  
8 caregivers; and

9           WHEREAS, there is still more research to be done for  
10 prostate cancer so that new and more effective treatments can  
11 be developed; Alabama will continue to push for critical  
12 research and advanced treatments for prostate cancer; now  
13 therefore,

14           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we designate September 2021 as  
16 Prostate Cancer Awareness Month; we ask the citizens of  
17 Alabama to become informed and aware of prostate cancer so  
18 that they can have an informed conversation with their health  
19 care providers regarding screening and diagnostic methods,  
20 and, if necessary, treatments to improve health outcomes and  
21 psychosocial support for people affected by prostate cancer.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 23-FEB-21  
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Singleton