

WHEREAS, in the year 2001, the month of September has been declared Prostate Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2001 approximately 198,100 men in the United States will learn that they have prostate cancer, and across the nation prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed nonskin cancer in men; and

WHEREAS, approximately 31,500 men will lose their lives to this disease in 2001, and one in six men in the nation are at risk of developing prostate cancer during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, it is known that about 25 percent of prostate cancer occurs in men under the age of 65 during their prime work years, at any age prostate cancer devastates families through loss of income, partnership, and support; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer leaves too many parents, women, children and other family members without a man they love, and African American families are disproportionately affected due to African American men having 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, but the disease 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 increased awareness and use of early detection practices; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Davie, hereby proclaim September, 2001 as;

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of July, 2001.

Harry Venis, Mayor