



PROCLAMATION

2004 Men's National Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, June 2004 is Men's National Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, June 16, 2004 is Men's National Cancer Screening Day; and

WHEREAS, June 17, 2004 is dedicated to Lance Armstrong's Foundation, (LAF), Peloton Project. The Peloton Project is LAF's major grassroots fundraising and outreach initiative comprised of cyclists, cancer survivors and other volunteers who want to make a difference in the survivorship community; and members raise funds and awareness for the LAF in their local communities; and

WHEREAS, more than one in three men will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives. Treatments are improving but early detection remains as vitally important as doctor-patient communications; and

WHEREAS, other than skin and lung cancer, prostate cancer is the most common malignancy among men in the United States; and

WHEREAS, testicular cancer is a relatively rare disease and accounts for only about 1% of all male cancers, according to the National Cancer Institute. However, in younger males between the ages of 15 to 35, it is the most common cancer, and it is four times more common in Caucasians than in African Americans; and

WHEREAS, almost 1,300 new cases of male breast cancer have been diagnosed in 2003; over 400 men died of this disease; and

WHEREAS, early detection and prompt treatment can significantly reduce suffering and deaths caused by all cancers in males through awareness lessening the fear factor:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES K. HAHN, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2004 as MEN'S NATIONAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH and June 16, 2004 as "Men's National Cancer Screening Day" and June 17, 2004 as "Dedication to Lance Armstrong's Peloton Project Day" in the City of Los Angeles.



James K. Hahn
MAYOR