October 31, 2023

President Joseph R. Biden Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We, the undersigned organizations, write to express our strong support for the establishment of National Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Awareness Month in April 2024. We believe that such a designation would be a critical step toward reducing the impact of cancer on individuals, families and communities across our nation. Working together, we can make significant progress in reducing the cancer death rate by at least half, preventing more than four million cancer deaths by 2047, and improve the experience of people touched by cancer, as envisioned by the Cancer Moonshot.

Cancer continues to be one of the most significant health challenges facing our country, impacting millions of lives every year. We also know that a significant proportion of cancer cases can be prevented, and many others can be detected at an earlier, more treatable stage through proactive measures, including screenings, lifestyle changes and education.

The declaration of National Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Awareness Month would serve several important purposes:

1. **Raise Awareness:** Provide a platform to educate the public about the importance of cancer prevention through healthy behaviors and early detection through routine screenings.
2. **Highlight Progress:** Acknowledge the tremendous progress made in cancer research and the development of innovative prevention and early detection strategies, driven forward by the Cancer Moonshot.
3. **Inspire Action:** Empower individuals to take control of their health by adopting healthier behaviors and getting routine screenings and encourage corporations and organizations to support their employees in these actions
4. **Mobilize Resources:** Encourage public and private investment in cancer prevention and early detection initiatives, leading to improved health outcomes and reduced health care costs.

As advocates, health care professionals, researchers and organizations who are steadfastly committed to preventing cancer and changing what it means to receive a cancer diagnosis, we firmly believe that the designation of National Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Awareness Month would improve the lives of Americans. It would honor the efforts of those working tirelessly to better the health of our citizens and send a clear message that the United States is dedicated to reducing the cancer burden in our nation and around the world.

We kindly request your support in officially proclaiming April as National Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Awareness Month. We are ready and willing to work with your administration to make this initiative a reality and to ensure its success. Together, we can take this meaningful step toward realizing the Cancer Moonshot goal of ending cancer as we know it.
We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Prevent Cancer Foundation

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Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio
AliveandKick’n
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
Arkansas Nurses Association
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Atlanta Cancer Care Foundation
Bella Bowman Foundation
Blue Faery: The Adrienne Wilson Liver Cancer Association
Brem Foundation to Defeat Breast Cancer
California Black Health Network
Cancer Support Community
Cancer Wellness for Life
Capitol Grange
Carolina Cancer Foundation
Center for Patient Advocacy Leaders
Chicago Hispanic Health Coalition
Chronic Disease Coalition
Coalition of Hematology and Oncology Practices
Colon Cancer Coalition
Colon Cancer Prevention Project
Colorectal Cancer Alliance
Equal Hope
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Florida Osteopathic Medical Association
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered
Fundacion Latinoamericana De Accion Social, Inc.
Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education
Gilda’s Club South Florida
Girls Inc. of the Pacific Northwest
Global Colon Cancer Association
Global Liver Institute
GO2 for Lung Cancer
Health Resources in Action
HealthyWomen
Hitting Cancer Below the Belt
Hoosier Cancer Research Network
Hope for Stomach Cancer
HunterSeven Foundation
Idaho Society of Clinical Oncology
Indiana Health Industry Forum
Indiana Hospice & Palliative Care Organization
Kintegra Health
Laura Crandall Brown Foundation
League of Minority Voters
Long Term Care Community Coalition
LUNGevity Foundation
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association
Maryland Latinos Unidos (MLU)
Maryland State Grange
McCormick Family
Melanoma Research Foundation
Men's Health Network
Michelle's Place Cancer Resource Center
Moffitt Cancer Center
National Hispanic Medical Association
National Pancreas Foundation
Nevada Chronic Care Collaborative
New Hampshire Public Health Association
Nueva Vida
Ohio Hematology Oncology Society
Oklahoma Society of Clinical Oncology, Inc.
Oncology Managers of Florida
Panhandle Breast Health
Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease
Penn State Health
Prostate Network
Regarding Cancer
Rev. John H. Parker Cancer Awareness Ministry
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VAX 2 STOP CANCER
Ventura County Hematology Oncology Specialists
Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation
Western North Carolina Colorectal Cancer Screening Initiative
ZERO Prostate Cancer