

Quotes:

Leaders of the Massachusetts Administration, State House and Medicine

"Recognizing prostate cancer is more common among Massachusetts men than nationwide, it is critical for our residents to have resources available for accurate, life-saving early detection," said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray. "The Patrick-Murray Administration appreciates the leadership of Senator Kerry and Representatives Frank and McGovern, who have co-sponsored the proposed \$650 million Prostate Research Imaging and Mens Education (PRIME) Act in US Congress." **Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray**

"The lack of accurate early detection tools for prostate cancer compromises quality of life in millions of American men and adds billions of dollars in health care cost. Prostate Cancer Awareness Day at the State House brings together political, philanthropic, scientific, industrial and advocacy leaders with the goal to improve prevention and early detection of this alarming disease. Through prostate cancer education, research and innovation, we can find the most cost-effective ways to improve patient care and to increase access to quality care for every man that could be stricken in the Commonwealth and across the nation." **Senator Richard T. Moore, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing.**

"I appreciate an opportunity to participate in the Prostate Cancer Awareness Day at the State House. This event is expected to play an important role in recognizing prostate cancer as a public health crisis in our state and our nation. We need this recognition to take good care of our men - our husbands, our brothers, our sons and everyone we love." **Senator Susan C. Fargo, Senate Chair of the Public Health Committee**

I am honored to have the opportunity to work with the AdMeTech Foundation in coordinating the Second Prostate Cancer Awareness Day," said Brewer. "In 2009 I was personally affected by prostate cancer and I know firsthand the importance of early detection and treatment. Prostate cancer is the most common major cancer in the United States and it is so important that we raise awareness for this disease. This event will help Massachusetts work towards reaching this goal." **Senator Stephen M. Brewer, Vice Chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee**

"When I was diagnosed with prostate cancer, I realized two things. First, the full magnitude of prostate cancer which strikes so many American men. Second, we do not have accurate diagnostic tools which are critical for early detection and successful treatment. I hope that this Awareness Day at the State House will inform Massachusetts people about the critical importance of research and innovation, and that it will be an important step towards making improved prostate cancer care a public health priority." **Representative Stephen Kulik, Assistant Vice Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee**

"Public Health knows that prevention works, and from a health care perspective, prevention and screening for disease are often closely connected. Supporting advances and improvements to screening modalities makes sense and can in many ways decrease the burden of disease." **Nancy Norman, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer, Boston Public Health Commission**

"Prostate cancer is the most common major cancer in Massachusetts. We will lose 530 men this year, even though prostate cancer can be cured when detected early. On this Prostate Cancer Awareness Day held to honor Father's Day, we are grateful to the leaders of the Massachusetts US Congress Delegation and Administration, State House, medicine, academia, industry, advocacy and entertainment for setting up a model of national leadership in recognizing prostate cancer as an important public health issue. With Massachusetts leading the way, Prostate Research Imaging and Mens Education Act (PRIME Act) introduced in US Congress will make it possible to improve early detection, transform patient care and end prostate cancer crisis." **Faina Shtern, MD, President and CEO, AdMeTech Foundation**