

Work Session Agenda

TOWN OF WALLKILL
DATE: 9/6/2023

WORK SESSION
TIME: 7:00pm

Topics:

- Community Day 9/30/2023 – Vendor Applications

Resolutions:

1. Resolution – Recognizing September 2023, National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
2. Resolution – Recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month

Executive Session:

Motion to Adjourn:

ROLL CALL VOTE

**THE TOWN OF WALLKILL
TOWN BOARD**

The following was presented

By: Mr. Serrano

Sec'd by: Entire Board

Date of Adoption: _____

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman</i> Mr. Coyne				
<i>Councilman</i> Mr. Valentin				
<i>Councilman</i> Mr. Meyer				
<i>Councilman</i> Mr. Johnson				
<i>Supervisor</i> Mr. Serrano				
TOTAL				

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WALLKILL
RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH,
SEPTEMBER 2023**

WHEREAS, more than 3,100,000 men in the United States are living with prostate cancer;

WHEREAS, an estimated 288,300 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2023 and 1 in 41 men in the United States will die from prostate cancer;

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer and the second-leading cause of cancer-related deaths among men in the United States;

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that, in 2021, 248,530 men will be diagnosed with, and more than 34,130 men will die of, prostate cancer;

WHEREAS, 40 percent of newly diagnosed prostate cancer cases occur in men under the age of 65;

WHEREAS, the odds of developing prostate cancer rise rapidly after age 50;

WHEREAS, African-American men suffer from a prostate cancer incidence rate that is significantly higher than that of White men and have more than double the prostate cancer mortality rate than that of White men;

WHEREAS, having a father or brother with prostate cancer more than doubles the risk of a man developing prostate cancer, with a higher risk for men who have a brother with the disease and the highest risk for men with several affected relatives;

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WHEREAS, screening by a digital rectal examination and a prostate-specific antigen blood test can detect the disease at the earlier, more treatable stages, which could increase the chances of survival for more than 5 years to nearly 100 percent;

WHEREAS, only 30 percent of men survive more than 5 years if diagnosed with prostate cancer after the cancer has metastasized;

WHEREAS, there are typically no noticeable symptoms of prostate cancer in the early stages, making appropriate screening critical;

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs has established 20 Precision Oncology Centers of Excellence in order to deliver precision oncology services to veterans suffering from prostate cancer;

WHEREAS, ongoing research promises further improvements in prostate cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, educating people in the United States, including health care providers, about prostate cancer and early detection strategies is crucial to saving the lives of men and preserving and protecting families,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Wallkill recognizes September 2023 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month” and declares that steps should be taken to raise awareness about the importance of screening methods for, and treatment of, prostate cancer; to encourage research, to improve screening and treatment for prostate cancer, to continue to consider ways to improve access to, and the quality of, health care services for detecting and treating prostate cancer; and calls on our residents to promote awareness of prostate cancer, to take an active role in the fight to end the devastating effects of prostate cancer on individuals, families, and the economy, and to observe National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WALLKILL
RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15, 2023**

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is a 30-day period starting on Sept. 15— the day which represents the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries — and lasts through Oct. 15; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates Hispanic culture and contributions to our community and nation; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic heritage holds an indelible place in the heart and soul of our Nation, and National Hispanic Heritage Month reminds us that the American identity is a fabric of diverse traditions and stories woven together. Since the beginning, our country and local community have drawn strength and insights from Hispanic writers, scientists, soldiers, doctors, entrepreneurs, academics, and leaders in labor and government; and

WHEREAS, our culture has been enriched by the rhythms, art, literature, and creativity of Hispanic peoples and our deepest values have been informed by the love of family and faith that is at the core of so many Hispanic communities; and

WHEREAS, no matter the term one identifies as, whether it be Hispanic, Latino, Latinx, or Chicano/a, we speak of people whose history is rich and who have positively influenced and continue to influence our nation, state, region, and schools through entrepreneurship, commitment to community service, deep value of justice and liberty, and social and cultural life; and

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WHEREAS, in resonance with the voice of our Hispanic residents and neighbors, the Town Board recognizes the significant contributions and considerable advances that Hispanic Americans have made, and continue to make as leaders, politicians, educators, and public servants; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month also is an opportunity to share the historical contributions of Hispanic Americans who have significantly impacted education; and

WHEREAS, these pioneers include Roberto Alvarez, whose groundbreaking case *Roberto Álvarez v Lemon Grove School District* was the first successful school desegregation case in American history, and

WHEREAS, throughout the year we also honor and celebrate the contributions of Hispanic Americans who serve our communities and schools such as civil rights trailblazers Cesar Chavez and Dolores Clara Fernández Huerta; and

WHEREAS, during National Hispanic Heritage Month, we reaffirm that diversity is one of our community's greatest strengths. We also acknowledge the Hispanic leaders who have stayed in the struggle for equal justice to ensure that everyone in this Nation can contribute their talents and have the opportunity to thrive,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Wallkill joins citizens throughout the country in recognizing and celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15, 2023 to October 15, 2023, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town Board will encourage all Town employees, officials and members of the community to recognize and celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month through culturally relevant activities and programming.