## HOW PROSTATE CANCER AFFECTS YOUR CONSTITUENTS



More than 268,490 American men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2023

Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer in men

African American men are 60% more likely to develop prostate cancer than other races

Prostate cancer is most treatable when caught early

## **Prostate Cancer Statistics for California**

- It is estimated 26,970 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and it is estimated 4,090 California men will die from this disease.
- Certain risk factors, including family history of prostate cancer and ancestry, significantly raise an individual's risk of prostate cancer, making early detection even more important.
- African American men are 60% more likely to develop, be diagnosed with, and die from prostate cancer. One in five African American men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. Access and low rates of prostate cancer screening are contributing factors. Multiple studies have shown African American men have similar outcomes to White men when provided the same treatment opportunities at the VA.
- The American Urological Association clinical guideline on the Early Detection of Prostate Cancer recommends men ages 55-69 or with a family history, make an informed decision regarding screening with their healthcare provider. Catching cancer early, leads to a reduction in mortality.
- The cost of screening may deter men from detecting prostate cancer at an early stage.

