## **RESOLUTION 2019-13**

## **DECLARING MARCH 2019 COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS** Colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. among men and women combined but there is currently no cure;

**WHEREAS** one in twenty-two men and one in twenty-four women will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in their lifetimes:

**WHEREAS** there are now more than one million survivors of colorectal cancer in the United States;

WHEREAS the screening rate in Minnesota for the eligible population sits at 73.7%;

**WHEREAS** an estimated 2,300 Minnesotans will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and 790 Minnesotans may die from this disease in 2019;

**WHEREAS** if the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, half of all cases could be prevented entirely;

WHEREAS it is critical that all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of the disease; and;

**WHEREAS** observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March would provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening.

**NOW THEREFORE, I,** Anthony Dimmers, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TRACY, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as:

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019

ATTEST:

Mayor