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, Dennis Phelps, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WESTBROOK, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as:

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.