



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women, and there currently is no cure; and
- WHEREAS: One in twenty people will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in their lifetimes; and
- WHEREAS: African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, American Indians, and Alaskan Natives are significantly less likely to be screened for colorectal cancer compared to Caucasians; and
- WHEREAS: While colonoscopies are the recommended form of screening, there are several other less invasive and less expensive tests that can be done; and
- WHEREAS: The colorectal cancer death rate could be dramatically reduced if the majority of Americans age 50 or older were screened regularly; and
- WHEREAS: While colorectal cancer has been steadily declining among Minnesotans over age 50, the rate has increased by 15 percent for adults under 50; and
- WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable in most cases; it is critical that all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of the disease; and
- WHEREAS: Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month provides a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2019 as:

## COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Pimm".

SECRETARY OF STATE