




City of Ottertail Proclamation

- 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, Myron J. Lueders, Mayor of the City of Ottertail, MN do hereby proclaim March 2019 as:

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in the City of **Ottertail.**


Myron J. Lueders, Mayor

Attest:


Elaine Hanson, City Clerk-Treasurer

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