



STATE of MINNESOTA

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; and
- WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening; and
- WHEREAS: Incidence rates of colorectal cancer are continuing to rise among young and middle-aged adults, including people under the age of 50; and
- WHEREAS: It is estimated that over 140,000 people were diagnosed in 2019 with colorectal cancer and over 50,000 people died; and
- WHEREAS: An estimated 2,320 Minnesotans will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and 790 Minnesotans may die from this disease in 2020; and
- WHEREAS: The national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is to strive to increase timely colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent in every community for all Americans eligible for screening; and
- WHEREAS: The screening rate in Minnesota for the eligible population is 71%; and
- WHEREAS: 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 2020, 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 7th day of February.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE