



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is the third-most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second-most common cause of cancer deaths that affect both men and women in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Every three minutes, someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and every ten minutes, someone dies from colorectal cancer; and
- WHEREAS: The vast majority of colon cancer deaths can be prevented through proper screening and early detection, and the five-year survival rate of individuals is 90 percent when cancer is detected at an early stage; and
- WHEREAS: Only 40 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early stage; and
- WHEREAS: If the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, the death rate from this disease could be dramatically reduced; and
- WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable in most cases; and
- WHEREAS: Observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March provides a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2016, 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 29th day of February.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE