



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: Colorectal cancer affects men and women equally; and
- WHEREAS: Every three minutes, someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and every ten minutes someone dies from colorectal cancer; 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 colon and rectal cancer have 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, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2018, as:

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



Steve Pimm

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 19th day of January.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR