



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths for men and women in the United States. Colorectal cancer affects men and women equally; and
- WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related death in Minnesota. Every three minutes someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and every 10 minutes someone dies from colorectal cancer; and
- WHEREAS: A majority of colorectal cancer deaths can be prevented through proper screening and early detection as the survival rate of individuals who have early stage colorectal cancer is 90 percent; while the survival rate when diagnosis occurs after cancer has spread to other organs, declines to 10 percent. Only 39 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early age; and
- WHEREAS: The death rate from colorectal cancer could be reduced by up to 70 percent if the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly; and
- WHEREAS: The survival rate of individuals who have colorectal cancer is 90 percent when detected in the early stages, versus only a 10 percent survival rate when colorectal cancer is diagnosed after it has spread to other organs; and
- WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable in most cases. Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month provides a special opportunity to educate Minnesotans on the importance of screening and early detection.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2014, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE