



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is among the most commonly diagnosed cancers and the second most common cause of cancer deaths for men and women combined in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of colorectal cancer deaths can be prevented through proper screening and early detection; and

WHEREAS, if the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, at least half of these cases could be prevented entirely; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable in most cases when caught early during disease progression; and

WHEREAS, there are now more than one million survivors of colorectal cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, observing 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, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2019 as

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-ninth day of March, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State