



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined, but there is currently no cure; and

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

WHEREAS, incidence rates of colorectal cancer among young and middle-aged adults are continuing to rise, including people under the age of 50;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 140,000 people were diagnosed with colorectal cancer and over 50,000 people died of colorectal cancer in 2019;

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;

WHEREAS, it is critical that all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of the disease; 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 2020 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 sixth day of January, 2020.

Bill Lee

Governor

Julie Hight

Secretary of State

