



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; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening, but almost 1 in 3 eligible Americans are not up to date on screening; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is estimated to be the number one cancer killer for those ages 20-49 by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans are about 20% more likely to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and about 40% more likely to die from the disease than other groups; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is expected to account for 11% of cancer deaths among Hispanic men and 9% of cancer deaths for Hispanic women; and

WHEREAS, the 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 eligible Americans; and

WHEREAS, observing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month would provide a special opportunity to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 2023 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-eighth day of February 2023.

Bill Lee

Governor

Jeffrey H. Matthews

Secretary of State