



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the fourth-leading cause of cancer deaths in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening, but 1 in 4 eligible Tennesseans are not up to date on screening; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is a leading cause of cancer death among people under 50 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Black Tennesseans are 13% more likely to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and 30% 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, in 2019 there were 3,239 new cases of colorectal cancer and 1,258 deaths due to colorectal cancer in the state; and

WHEREAS, the national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is to increase timely colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent in every community for all Americans eligible for screening; and

WHEREAS, observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March 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 2025 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 nineteenth day of February 2025.

Bill Lee

Governor

Lee Hargrett

Secretary of State