

STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

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 one in three eligible Americans is not up to date on screening; and,

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the leading cause of cancer death for men and the second-leading cause of cancer death for women under the age of 50; and,

WHEREAS, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Black Americans are more likely to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and more likely to die from the disease than other groups; and,

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is expected to account for 12 percent of cancer deaths among Hispanic men and 9 percent of cancer deaths for Hispanic women; and,

WHEREAS, Americans in rural areas are more likely to be diagnosed with and die from colorectal cancer than Americans in urban areas; and,

WHEREAS, in 2024, there were approximately 152,810 new cases and 53,010 deaths from colorectal cancer; and,

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; and,

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

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,

this TWENTY-EIGHTH day of JANUARY, in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

TWENTY-FIVE, and of the State of Illinois,

two hundred and SIXTH.



Alexi Gianouch
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR