



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

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer in Maine; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening; and

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

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 140,000 people were diagnosed and over 50,000 people died of colorectal cancer in 2019; 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 provides a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby recognize the month of March as

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

in Maine to support patients, increase awareness, raise screening rates, and save lives.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-fourth day of February Two Thousand Twenty

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

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