



State of Missouri
Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer-related deaths for men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening, but one in three 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, screening colonoscopy rates have still not returned to pre-COVID-19 levels; 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 increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim March 2023, to be

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 27th day of January, 2023.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE