

WHEREAS; according to the American Cancer Society, colorectal cancer, which encompasses cancers that start in the colon or rectum, is the second most common cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined; and

WHEREAS; the American Cancer Society estimates that 108,860 Americans will be diagnosed with colon cancer, 49,990 Americans will be diagnosed with rectal cancer, and approximately 55,230 Americans will lose their battle with one of these diseases in 2026 alone; and

WHEREAS; while colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening, such as a colonoscopy, many adults are not getting screened as recommended; and

WHEREAS; the American Cancer Society reports that incidence rates of colorectal cancer are rising among young and middle-aged adults, underscoring the importance that people of all ages, races, genders, and identities know the signs and symptoms of the disease and remain diligent about staying up to date with recommended screenings; and

WHEREAS; the American Cancer Society further states that colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates are disproportionately high among people of color, especially in Indigenous and Alaska Native and Black communities; and

WHEREAS; disparities in health outcomes are not the consequence of individual habits or poor choices but rather are the result of inequities within the medical system that call for increased access to quality healthcare, including preventative healthcare and education; and

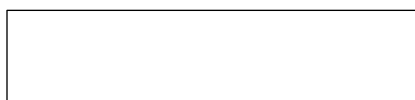
WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins patients, survivors, healthcare providers, and all those who have been affected by the disease across the state in raising awareness of the importance of early detection and screening for colorectal cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 2026 as

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 3rd day of March 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State