PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer currently has no known cure and is the third-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, while one in 21 Wisconsinites are at risk of being diagnosed with colorectal cancer in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 140,000 people were diagnosed with colorectal cancer and approximately 50,000 people died of colorectal cancer in 2019; and

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

WHEREAS, symptoms of colorectal cancer include a persistent change in bowel habits, persistent abdominal discomfort, fatigue, rectal bleeding, and unexplained weight loss; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that people of all ages, genders, and identities know the signs and symptoms of the disease, as colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening; and

WHEREAS, this Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, the State of Wisconsin joins healthcare providers, colon cancer survivors, and those who have been affected by the disease across our state in raising awareness about the importance of early detection and screening;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 5th day of February 2020.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State