

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; colorectal cancer—which encompasses cancers that start in the colon or rectum—is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined; and

*WHEREAS*; according to the American Cancer Society, it is estimated that 106,180 Americans will be diagnosed with colon cancer, 44,850 Americans will be diagnosed with rectal cancer, and 52,580 Americans will lose their battle with one of these diseases in 2022 alone; and

*WHEREAS*; while colon cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening, such as a colonoscopy, approximately one in three adults between the ages of 50 and 75 are not getting tested as recommended; and

*WHEREAS*; incidence rates of colorectal cancer are rising among young and middle-aged adults, which is why it is critical 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*; colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates are disproportionately higher among people of color, and Black Americans, in particular, are 20 percent more likely to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and about 40 percent more likely to die from the disease than other groups, while colorectal cancer is estimated to account for 11 percent of cancer deaths among Hispanic men and 9 percent of cancer deaths among Hispanic women; and

*WHEREAS*; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that these disparities are not the consequence of individual habits or poor choices, and that, if we want to improve the health and wellness of all people, we must address the need for increased access to quality healthcare and preventative healthcare education; and

*WHEREAS*; the goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is to increase regular colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent of eligible Americans in every community nationwide; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins patients, survivors, healthcare providers, and all those who have been affected by the disease across our 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 2022 as

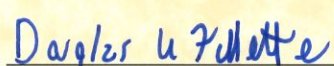
## COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
February 2022.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State

