

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined; 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 the leading cause of cancer death for men, and the second leading cause of cancer death for women under the age of fifty; and

WHEREAS, American Indian, Alaska Natives, and Black Americans are more likely to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and more likely to die from the disease than other groups; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is expected to account for 12 percent of cancer deaths among Hispanic men and 9 percent of cancer deaths for Hispanic women; and

WHEREAS, Americans in rural areas are more likely to be diagnosed with and die from colorectal cancer than Americans in urban areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim March 2025

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Montana to increase awareness about the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer.

A blue ink signature of Greg Gianforte, written in a cursive style.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor