

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. among men and women combined; and
- WHEREAS,** colorectal cancer affects men and women equally; and
- WHEREAS,** every 3 minutes, someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer and every 10 minutes, someone dies from colorectal cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** only 39 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early age; and
- WHEREAS,** the survival rate of individuals who have early stage colorectal cancer is 90 percent, but is only 14 percent when diagnosed at a distant stage and has spread to other organs; and
- WHEREAS,** the national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is 80 percent of Americans ages 50 and older be screened by the year 2018; and
- WHEREAS,** if the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, the death rate from this disease could plummet by up to 70 percent; and
- WHEREAS,** African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, Asian Americans, American Indians, and Alaskan Natives are significantly less likely to be screened for colorectal cancer compared to Caucasians; and
- WHEREAS,** observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March would provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2017 as

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of March, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney L. Wilson", written over a horizontal line.

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs