

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined but there is currently no cure; and

WHEREAS, one in twenty-two men and one in twenty-four women will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 280 Vermonters will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer this year; and

WHEREAS, nationally, the colorectal cancer screening rate among men and women aged 50-70 years is 67 percent, and Vermont had a higher screening rate of 72 percent; and

WHEREAS, there are now more than one million survivors of colorectal cancer in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is 80 percent of Americans ages 45 and older be screened in every community; and

WHEREAS, if the majority of people in the United States age 45 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, half of all cases could be prevented entirely; and

WHEREAS, it is critical all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of the disease; and

WHEREAS, observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March provides a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening.

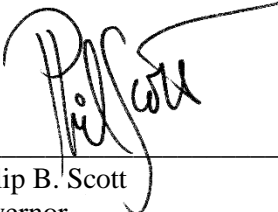
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim March 2019 as


COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12th day of March, A.D. 2019.




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs