

**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; 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 estimated to be the number one cancer killer for those ages 20-49 by 2030; and

**WHEREAS,** Black Americans 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; and

**WHEREAS,** colorectal cancer is expected to account for 11 percent of cancer deaths among Hispanic men and 9 percent of cancer deaths for Hispanic women; and

**WHEREAS,** screening colonoscopy rates have still not returned to pre-COVID-19 levels; and

**WHEREAS,** the national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is to strive to increase timely colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent in every community for all Americans eligible for screening; and

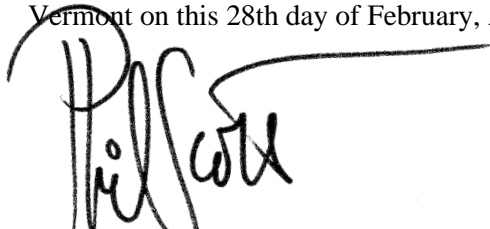
**WHEREAS,** observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March would provide a special opportunity to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim March 2023 as

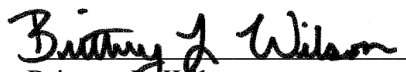
**COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 28th day of February, A.D. 2023.

  
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Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs