



State of  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**  
MARCH 2018

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is the third-most diagnosed cancer among men and women in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, 43 percent of North Dakotans diagnosed with colorectal cancer are diagnosed after the cancer has begun to spread outside the colon; and

**WHEREAS**, about 330 North Dakotans are diagnosed with colorectal cancer each year and approximately 120 will die from the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, there are often no symptoms of colorectal cancer;


**WHEREAS**, approximately 37 percent of North Dakotans 50 to 75 years of age and older are not up-to-date with colorectal cancer screening; and

**WHEREAS**, if everyone 50 to 75 years of age had regular screening tests, colorectal cancer could be detected early when it is highly curable and would allow for the removal of precancerous colon polyps to prevent the disease.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2018, **COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
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