

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2025

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second-most diagnosed and second-leading cause of cancer deaths in North Dakota among men and women combined; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the leading cause of cancer death for men and second-leading cause of cancer death for women under the age of 50; and

WHEREAS, 360 new cases and 100 deaths from colorectal cancer are projected for North Dakotans in 2025; and


WHEREAS, colorectal cancer screening is one of the most powerful tools for preventing colorectal cancer, yet 1 in 3 eligible North Dakotans are not up to date on screening; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer death rates among Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Black Americans are higher, especially in rural areas, and the stage of the disease is often more advanced at diagnosis; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
March 2025, COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Kelly Armstrong  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE