



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, COLORECTAL CANCER AFFECTS BOTH MEN AND WOMEN; AND

WHEREAS, OF CANCERS THAT AFFECT BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, COLORECTAL CANCER IS THE SECOND MOST COMMON CAUSE OF CANCER-RELATED DEATHS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SECOND MOST COMMON CANCER; AND

WHEREAS, COLORECTAL CANCER IS PREVENTABLE BY REMOVING PRE-CANCEROUS POLYPS FOUND DURING RECOMMENDED SCREENINGS; AND

WHEREAS, IF COLORECTAL CANCER IS FOUND EARLY DURING A RECOMMENDED SCREENING AND TREATED, THE FIVE-YEAR SURVIVAL RATE IS 90 PERCENT, BUT ONLY 39 PERCENT OF COLORECTAL CANCER PATIENTS HAVE THEIR CANCERS DETECTED AT AN EARLY STAGE; AND

WHEREAS, IF THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES AGES 50 TO 75 YEARS WERE SCREENED REGULARLY FOR COLORECTAL CANCER, THE DEATH RATE FROM THIS DISEASE COULD DECREASE BY AT LEAST 60 PERCENT; AND

WHEREAS, OBSERVING COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH DURING MARCH PROVIDES A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER EDUCATION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF SCREENING FOR PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION OF COLORECTAL CANCER;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2017, AS

“COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

ATTEST:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

Susana Martinez
SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

