

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths for men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer affects men and women equally; and

WHEREAS, every three minutes someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and every ten minutes someone dies from colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of colon cancer deaths can be prevented through proper screening and early detection; and

WHEREAS, only 39 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early stage; and

WHEREAS, the survival rate of individuals who have early stage colorectal cancer is 90 percent but is only 10 percent when diagnosed after it has spread to other organs; and

WHEREAS, if the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, the death rate from this disease could plummet by up to 70 percent; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable and beatable in most cases:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi do hereby proclaim March 2016 as

COLORECTAL CANCER MONTH

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson on the eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen, and of the anniversary of the United States of America, the two hundred and fortieth.



PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR