



**PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING MARCH 2019
AS COLON CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Albemarle County recognizes the month of March as Colon Cancer Awareness to bring greater awareness to colon cancer and the importance of being screened; and

WHEREAS, colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and 1 in 20 people will develop colon cancer, and every 10 minutes a life is lost to the disease; and

WHEREAS, this year alone, 142,000 new cases of colon and rectal cancer will be diagnosed in America and nearly 50,000 deaths are expected; and

WHEREAS, a simple screening test is recommended to individuals over age 50 and those with a family history to help combat the disease, and through recommended screenings, this cancer can be caught early when treatment is most effective; and

WHEREAS, Albemarle County recognizes that increase screening can save lives in Albemarle County and across the country, and education and increased awareness can help inform the public of methods of prevention and the early detection of colon cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the Month of March 2019 to be Colon Cancer Awareness Month in the County of Albemarle and encourage all individuals to work together to promote awareness and understanding of colon cancer and the need for screening to eradicate the disease.

Signed this 20th day of March 2019.

Ned L. Gallaway, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors