



*Bismarck*

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** Colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. among men and women combined but there is currently no cure; and

**WHEREAS** one in twenty-two men and one in twenty-four women will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in their lifetimes; and

**WHEREAS** there are now more than one million survivors of colorectal cancer in the United States; and

**WHEREAS** approximately 33% of eligible North Dakotans 50 to 75 years of age and older are not up to date with colorectal cancer screening; and

**WHEREAS** an estimated 384 North Dakotans are diagnosed with colorectal cancer each year and 130 will die from this disease;

**WHEREAS** if the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, half of all cases could be prevented entirely;

**WHEREAS** it is critical that all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of the disease; and;

**WHEREAS** observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March would provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Steve Bakken, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2020 as **COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Bismarck.

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.



Steve Bakken, Mayor  
Board of City Commissioners