



STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths for men and women in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: The lifetime risk of being diagnosed with cancer of the colon or rectum is 5.5 percent for men and 5.1 percent for women in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Every three minutes someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and every ten seconds someone dies from colorectal cancer; and
- WHEREAS: The vast majority of colorectal cancer deaths can be prevented through proper screening and early detection, as the survival rate of individuals is 90 percent when detected in the early stages; and
- WHEREAS: Regular colorectal cancer screening has been ranked as one of the most cost effective screening interventions available, with the potential to save 40,000 lives a year, decreasing the death rate from this disease by up to 70 percent; and
- WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable in most cases; and
- WHEREAS: Observing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March provides a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of screening and early detection.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2013 as:

## COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

