

***Proclamation***  
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***March Colon Cancer Awareness Month***  
***March 1, 2024 – Dress in Blue Day***

**Whereas:** colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer related deaths in men and women in Kentucky and the Commonwealth currently ranks among the highest in the nation in colon cancer mortality; and

**Whereas:** it is believed that a public awareness campaign that informs the citizens of *(name of county/city)* that colon cancer screening could save lives; and

**Whereas:** colonoscopy is a procedure that detects small growths or polyps so they can be removed before they develop into cancer; and screening finds colon cancer early when treatment can be most effective; and treatable.

**Whereas:** screening tests for colon cancer should begin at age 45, or younger if at high risk, and continue at regular intervals recommended by health care providers.

**Therefore,** I, *(name, title)*, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2024 as Colon Cancer Awareness Month (or Friday, March 1, 2024 as Dress in Blue Day) and call upon all citizens to ask their health care provider about this potentially life saving screening.