

# PROCLAMATION

## DESIGNATING MARCH, 2018, AS COLON CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Indian River County Florida celebrates the month of March as Colon Cancer Awareness to bring greater awareness to colon cancer screening education and prevention; and,

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States for men and women combined; and,

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 20 people will develop colon cancer and every 10 minutes a life is lost to the disease; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year alone, over 140,000 new cases of colon and rectal cancer will be diagnosed in America and over 50,000 deaths are expected; in Florida 11,670 new cases and 3,600 deaths are predicted; and,

**WHEREAS**, a simple screening test is recommended for individuals over age 50 and earlier for those with a family history, to help combat the disease; and,

**WHEREAS**, education and increased awareness can help inform the public of methods of prevention and the early detection of colorectal cancer and improve the average five-year survival rate of 65%; and,

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is not only highly treatable if detected early, but regular screening can actually prevent this cancer entirely with the discovery and removal of pre-cancerous polyps.

**WHEREAS**, Indian River County has joined with the American Cancer Society in effort to promote increased screenings to save lives in Florida and across the country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA** that March, 2018, be designated as Colon Cancer Awareness Month in Indian River County, and the Board encourages all citizens to work together to promote awareness and understanding of colon cancer and the need for screening to eradicate the disease.

Adopted this 13th day of March, 2018.

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