

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2017, AS COLON CANCER AWARENESS

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, colon 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 135,000 new cases of colon and rectal cancer will be diagnosed in America and over 50,000 deaths are expected; 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, 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; and,

WHEREAS, education and increased awareness can help inform the public of methods of prevention and the early detection of colon cancer; and,

WHEREAS, our goal is to achieve an 80% screening rate by 2018 through recommended screenings, as this cancer can be caught early when treatment is most effective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that the month of March, 2017, 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 7th day of March, 2017.

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