

**PROCLAMATION
COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
MARCH 2019**

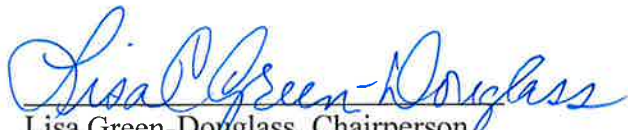
- WHEREAS,** colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined, but there is currently no cure; and
- WHEREAS,** one in twenty men and one in twenty-four women will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in their lifetimes; and
- WHEREAS,** there are now more than one million survivors of colorectal cancer in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is 80 percent of Americans ages 50 and older be screened in every community; and
- 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; and
- WHEREAS,** it is critical that all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of the disease; and
- WHEREAS,** observing 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim March 2019 to be:

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Johnson County, Iowa, and encourage all residents to get screened as recommended, starting at age 45, and to help save lives and prevent colorectal cancer through increased awareness of the importance of screening.

Signed this 7th day of March, 2019, in Johnson County, Iowa.


Lisa Green-Douglass, Chairperson
Johnson County Board of Supervisors

