

*From the office of
Mayor Oscar B. Goodman*

Proclamation

Whereas; March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and a good time to learn more about colorectal cancer (cancer of the colon and rectum) and how it can be prevented or best treated; and

Whereas; colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States for both men and women combined. The general population faces a lifetime risk for developing the disease of about 5%, while someone whose family has a history of colorectal cancer has a 10 to 15% chance of developing the disease. The risk rises to over 50% in people with ulcerative colitis and those whose family members harbor specific genetic mutations; and

Whereas; approximately 140,000 new cases of colorectal cancer are diagnosed every year and another 56,000 people die annually of this disease, but colorectal cancer is a disease that can be prevented and cured if detected and treated early; and

Whereas; colorectal cancer can be cured in up to 90% of people when it is discovered in its early stages. It is estimated that approximately 40,000 lives a year could be saved through widespread adoption of colorectal cancer screening and early treatment in men and women; now

Therefore; I, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF NEVADA, HEREBY PROUDLY PROCLAIM MARCH TO BE:

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

IN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS AND ASK ALL CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING AND EARLY DETECTION.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF:
BY THE POWERS GRANTED TO ME,
I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND
AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE
CITY OF LAS VEGAS TO BE AFFIXED
THIS 9TH DAY OF MARCH, 2011.


HONORABLE OSCAR B. GOODMAN
MAYOR, CITY OF LAS VEGAS