

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH | 2019

WHEREAS, March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Colorectal Cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among men and women collectively in the United States; and

WHEREAS, one in 20 people will be diagnosed in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of colorectal cancer for people younger than 50 years of age is increasing; and

WHEREAS, sixty per cent of deaths caused by colorectal cancer can be prevented with screening; and

WHEREAS, routine screenings for colon cancer enable early detection and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that regular screenings for colorectal cancer begin at 45 years of age; and

WHEREAS, people with one or more family members who have had colon or rectal cancer are at increased risk for diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month is a good time to encourage people of all backgrounds and ages to be aware of the signs and symptoms of this type of cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 1-31, 2019 as

“COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in Durham County. We pause in recognition of those who have completed their battle with the disease along with family members and advocates who continue to educate others about colorectal cancer and the research that will hopefully reveal a cure for this devastating condition in the future.

This the 11th day of March 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

