STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among people combined; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening, but 1 in 3 eligible Americans are not up to date on screening; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is estimated to be the number one cancer killer for those ages 20-49 by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans are 20% more likely to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and about 40% more likely to die from the disease than other groups; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is expected to account for 11% of cancer deaths among Hispanic men and 9% of cancer deaths for Hispanic women; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 there were approximately 153,020 new cases and 52,550 deaths from colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, the national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is to strive to increase timely colorectal cancer screening rates to 80% in every community for all Americans eligible for screening; and

WHEREAS, observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March would provide a special opportunity to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim March 2024, as:

“Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month”

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this 18th day of January 2024.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Mexico.

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor