

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined¹;

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 screening²;

WHEREAS: colorectal cancer is estimated to be the number one cancer killer for those ages 20-49 by 2030³;

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 groups⁴;

WHEREAS: colorectal cancer is expected to account for 11% of cancer deaths among Hispanic men and 9% of cancer deaths for Hispanic women⁵;

WHEREAS: in 2023 there were approximately 153,020 new cases and 52,550 deaths from colorectal cancer⁶;

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

WHEREAS: the American Cancer Society estimates 940 new cases of colorectal cancer and 380 deaths from colorectal cancer in Nebraska in 2024⁷

WHEREAS: colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening, but 35.9% of eligible Nebraskans are not up to date on screening⁸;

WHEREAS: colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates are higher in Nebraska when compared to overall U.S. rates⁹;

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, JIM JARECKI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ALBION, NEBRASKA do hereby proclaim March 2024 as: **COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Albion, Nebraska.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City to be affixed this 14th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three.

James C. Jarecki, Mayor
City of Albion, Nebraska





Footnotes:

1. <https://www.cancer.org/content/dam/cancer-org/research/cancer-facts-and-statistics/colorectal-cancer-facts-and-figures/colorectal-cancer-facts-and-figures-2020-2022.pdf>
2. <https://www.cancer.org/content/dam/cancer-org/research/cancer-facts-and-statistics/colorectal-cancer-facts-and-figures/colorectal-cancer-facts-and-figures-2020-2022.pdf>
3. <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2778204>
4. <https://www.cancer.org/content/dam/cancer-org/research/cancer-facts-and-statistics/colorectal-cancer-facts-and-figures/colorectal-cancer-facts-and-figures-2020-2022.pdf>
5. <https://www.cancer.org/content/dam/cancer-org/research/cancer-facts-and-statistics/cancer-facts-and-figures-for-hispanics-and-latinos/cancer-facts-and-figures-for-hispanics-and-latinos-2018-2020.pdf>
6. https://cancerstatisticscenter.cancer.org/?_ga=2.32218171.408566401.1643838616-1140030108.1643133604#!/cancer-site/Colorectum
7. <https://cancerstatisticscenter.cancer.org/#/>
8. <https://www.cdc.gov/brfss/brfssprevalence/>
9. <https://statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov/index.html>