

Office of the City Commission

Proclamation

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women 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 increasing at an alarming rate among young people and is now the leading cause of cancer deaths for men and women under the age of 50; and

WHEREAS, in 2025 there were approximately 154,270 new cases and 52,900 deaths from colorectal cancer in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, when colon cancer is found at an early stage (stage I-II), the 5-year survival rate is 91%, versus 16% when found at stage IV; and

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; and

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

WHEREAS, Americans in rural areas are more likely to be diagnosed with and die from colorectal cancer than Americans in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, American Indian, Alaska Natives, and Black Americans are more likely to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and more likely to die from the disease than other groups; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is expected to account for 12% of cancer deaths among Hispanic men and 9% of cancer deaths for Hispanic women.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Curran, Mayor of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, and the City Commission do hereby proclaim March 2026 as

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, to be affixed on this 10th day of March, 2026.

James Curran

Mayor, City of Cooper City