

## 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 the leading cause of cancer death for men, and second leading cause of cancer death for women under the age of 50; 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; 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**, in 2024 there were approximately 152,810 new cases and 53,010 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 percent in every community for all Americans eligible for screening.

**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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Curran**, Mayor of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, and the City Commission do hereby proclaim March 2025 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 25th day of February, 2025.

**James Curran**

**Mayor, City of Cooper City**