

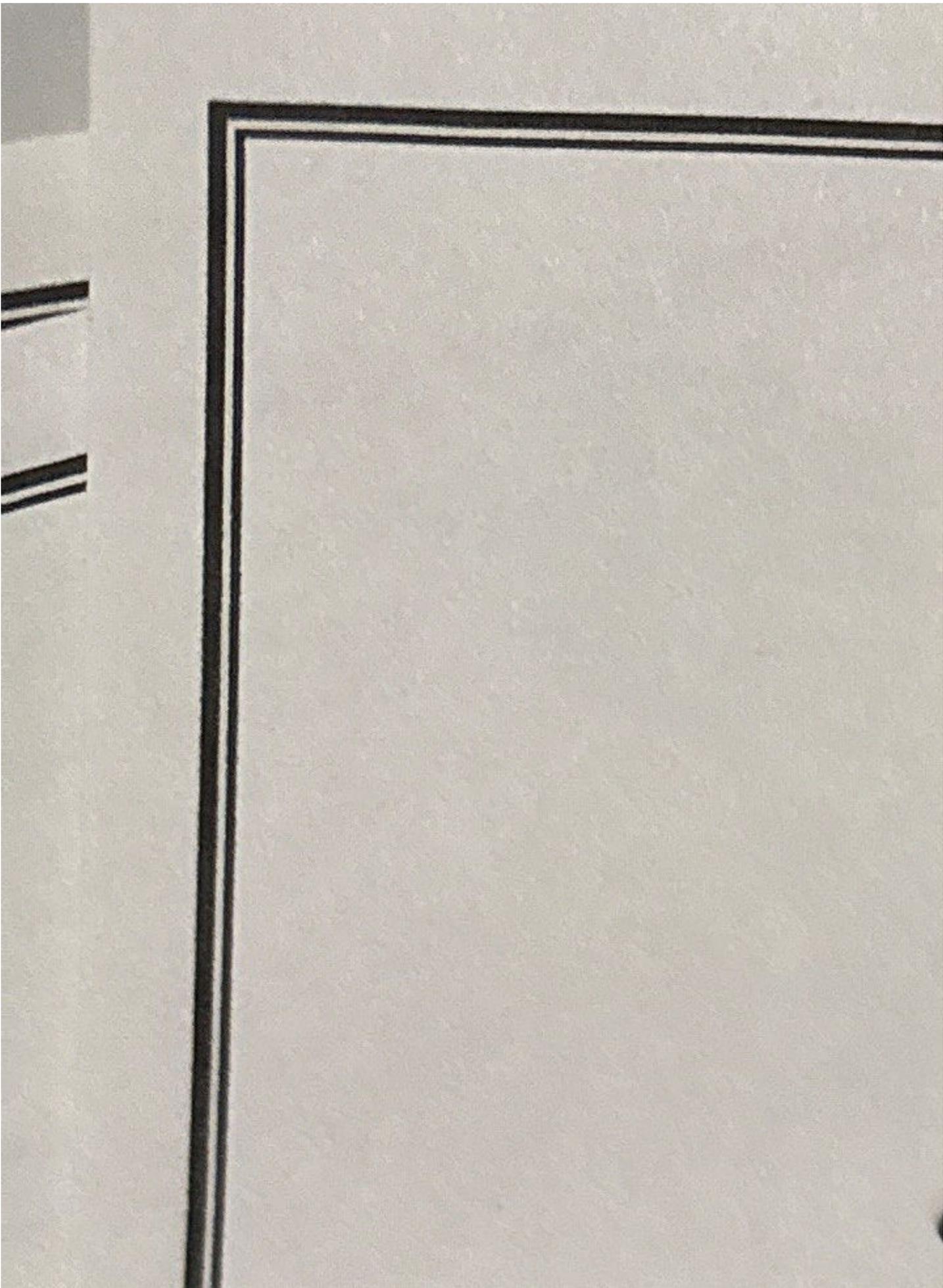
## Erin West

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**From:** Helene Weig <marcylene7469@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 5, 2026 6:37 PM  
**To:** Erin West  
**Subject:** Proclamation request

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I am writing to request that March be declared Colorectal Cancer awareness month in Green Cove Springs



, Florida. Having ties to the community, as a nurse practitioner. I am sure this is a cause the citizens need. The education provided will in fact save lives! If you should grant my proclamation my family would like to personally pick it up, if you do not have a public forum to proclaim the dedication. You will have to forgive my lack of process knowledge to request a proclamation, as I am newly appointed to advocate within the fightcrc group. My husband passed away March 30, 2025. Me and my teenage son will be going to call on congress February 28-March 4 for Colorectal cancer awareness I would love to have a proclamation in my hand from Green Cove Springs to bring with me. This would mean the world to my family. Please see attached request of proclamation.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.  
Helene Weig

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined.

- WHEREAS**, increasing awareness of symptoms and encouraging screenings, such as colonoscopies, can significantly reduce mortality rates.
- WHEREAS**, we honor the patients, survivors, caregivers, those we have lost and the researchers working to eliminate this disease.
- WHEREAS**, in 2026, it is estimated to be the top cancer killer for young adults under age 50, highlighting that people should not assume they are too young for, or exempt from, risk.
- 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;
- WHEREAS**, in 2025 there were approximately 154,270 new cases and 52,900 deaths from colorectal cancer in the U.S.
- 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 IV5;
- 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.
- WHEREAS**, Americans in rural areas are more likely to be diagnosed with and die from colorectal cancer than Americans in urban areas

**Declaration:**

○ NOW, THEREFORE, I, [Name], [Title], do hereby proclaim March 2026 as **Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month** in Green Cove Srings, Florida and urge all citizens to take action in promoting awareness, screening, and prevention.

**In Witness Whereof:**

○ IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2026.