

**PROCLAMATION**

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

*WHEREAS, it is estimated that in the year 2001, over 135,000 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, in the year 2001, the disease is expected to kill an estimated 56,700 individuals in this country; and*

*WHEREAS, screening for colorectal cancer is underutilized, and less than 50 percent of individuals above age 50 receive annual screenings for colorectal cancer; and*

*WHEREAS, adopting a healthy diet at a young age can significantly reduce the risk of developing colorectal cancer; and*

*WHEREAS, March is also designated as National Nutrition Awareness Month; and*

*WHEREAS, regular screenings can detect polyps that lead to colorectal cancer and can save lives; and*

*WHEREAS, education can help inform the public of methods of prevention and symptoms of early detection; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria would like to help educate the public about colorectal cancer prevention and screening;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of March as:*

**"COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"**

*in the City of Alexandria.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2001.*

**KERRY J. DONLEY**      **MAYOR**  
On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC      City Clerk

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among men and women combined.

According to the latest statistics more than 130,000 people are diagnosed with colorectal cancer each year and almost 57,000 will die.

This is especially tragic because many of these lives could have been saved.

**Colorectal cancer is one of the most treatable cancers if detected early. And in fact, with proper screening is largely preventable.**

The very words needed to talk about colorectal cancer—colon, anus, rectum—cause such embarrassment that the vast majority of Americans remain unaware of the risks.



### What Can You Do?

- Learn the warning signs
- Know your family's health history
- Discuss your personal risk with your doctor
- Get screened
- Reach out to others for support

### The Colorectal Cancer Network

The Network provides support services for people affected by colorectal cancer. The SemiColon Club support groups are available for patient/survivors and for caregivers and friends. CCNetwork assists in finding information and resources and provides the network for connecting with others affected by this cancer.

### Available

- The Semi
- The Semi caregivers
- One-on-O
- Cancer E
- Quarterly
- Education
- Website fe
- links to ca
- Web chat
- 7 days a v



**Join Us in Saving Lives** Annual membership: enables you to support colorectal cancer/to receive a quarterly newsletter/to get advance notice of, and receive a semicolon lapel pin with brown ribbon.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

\$35 (Those not able to pay may join for an amount they can afford.)  \$25

### Other Ways to Get Involved:

- I'd like to volunteer
- I'm interested in running a Semi
- Send information on the Colorectal Cancer Annual Su
- Send me information on the Golf Tournament

**Mail to:** Colorectal Cancer Network, PO Box 182, Kensington, 501c3