

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is the third-leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the U.S. among men and women combined, but there is currently no cure; and

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer affects about 1 in 24 people, although this number varies according to individual risk factors; and

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that over 106,000 new cases of colon cancer and over 46,000 new cases of rectal cancer will be diagnosed during 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, people with a first-degree relative who has colon cancer have 2 to 3 times the risk of developing the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, while colon and rectal cancer has been steadily declining among people over age 50, the rate has increased for adults under 50 and there are more than 1.5 million survivors in the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical that all people of all ages know the signs and symptoms of the disease as it is preventable, treatable, and beatable in most cases.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the month of March as

## Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

in Appleton and encourage all residents to take this special opportunity to become more aware of the importance of early detection and screening.

Signed and sealed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.



**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON