

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



PROCLAMATION

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2022

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

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 colorectal cancer is expected to become the number one cancer killer for those ages 20-49 by 2030;

WHEREAS in Charlottesville colorectal cancer disproportionately impacts people of color, with African American people being 1.4 times more likely than White people to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer;

WHEREAS in Charlottesville African American people are 2.3 times more likely to die from colorectal cancer than White people;

WHEREAS The National Cancer Institute estimates that there could be as many as 4,500 additional colorectal cancer deaths because of the drop in screening due to COVID-19;

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 would provide a special opportunity to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor of the City of Charlottesville, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as **Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month** in Charlottesville.

Signed and sealed this 7th day of March 2022.

J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor