WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. among men and women combined; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer in Maine; and

WHEREAS, one in twenty men and one in twenty-four women will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, there are now more than one million survivors of colorectal cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is 80 percent of Americans ages 50 and older be screened in every community; and

WHEREAS, if the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, half of all cases could be prevented entirely; and

WHEREAS, it's critical that all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of the disease; and

WHEREAS, observing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March provides a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby recognize March 2019 as

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Maine to support patients, increase awareness, raise screening rates, and save lives.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-sixth day of February Two Thousand Nineteen

Janet T. Mills
Governor