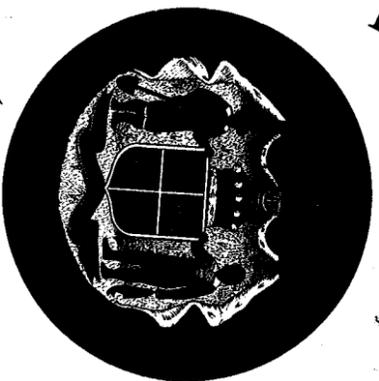


THE STATE OF MARYLAND



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2012

WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in Maryland. The American Cancer Society estimates 2,470 new cases and 920 deaths in 2011 due to colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, Screening is the best method of early detection and prevention of colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, Individuals ages 50 and over and those under 50 years with personal or family risk factors for colorectal cancer should be screened; and

WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer does not usually produce symptoms in its early stages, so people can look healthy, feel fine, and not know there may be a problem; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene urges health care providers to recommend colorectal screening for their patients and urges the public to seek screening.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MARCH 2012, as COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of March,
Two Thousand and twelve

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Robert L. Brown
Lieutenant Governor

Joe C. McRae
Secretary of State

