

Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Kentucky has the highest incidence of colorectal cancer in the United States, and Eastern Kentucky is a hotspot for hereditary colon cancer, such as Lynch syndrome, and early age onset colorectal cancer; and
- WHEREAS, 20-30% of cases of colon cancer are familial and 5-10% of cases are inherited; and
- WHEREAS, Hereditary colon cancer conditions affect individuals at younger ages, often before regular colon cancer screenings begin; compounding the issue, medical professionals are frequently undertrained in the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary colon cancer, which can be an obstacle for timely intervention; and
- WHEREAS, Identifying whether you have hereditary colon cancer can tell you if you are at risk for developing other types of cancers and can tell you if other family members may be at risk; and
- WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening; and
- WHEREAS, It is important to educate families with inherited syndromes linked to colon cancer or with a history of colorectal cancer so they may benefit from receiving regular screenings that will improve health outcomes and alleviate unnecessary suffering;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim the week of March 24, 2025, as

HEREDITARY COLON CANCER WEEK

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 18th day of February, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Five and in the 233rd year of the Commonwealth.

A handwritten signature of Andy Beshear in black ink.

ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Michael G. Adams in black ink.

Michael G. Adams
Secretary of State



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