

**PROCLAMATION
CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

- WHEREAS,** Colorectal cancer is the fourth most commonly diagnosed cancer in the U.S. and the second leading cause of cancer death; and
- WHEREAS,** The American Cancer Society estimates that 152,810 people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2024, and 53,010 will die from the disease; and
- 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; and
- WHEREAS,** colorectal cancer is estimated to be the number one cause of cancer death for those age twenty to forty-nine by 2030; and
- WHEREAS,** Black Americans are 20% more likely to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and about 40% more likely to die from the disease than other groups; and
- WHEREAS,** colorectal cancer is expected to account for 11% of cancer deaths among Hispanic men and 9% of cancer deaths for Hispanic women; and
- WHEREAS,** observing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March provides a special opportunity to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park proclaim March as COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS month, and encourage residents to take charge of their colorectal health and start getting screened by age 45.

PROCLAIMED THIS 5th **DAY OF** MARCH, 2024.

Fazlul Kabir, Mayor
City of College Park, Maryland