



## PROCLAMATION

### COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS; Colorectal Cancer death is among the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of cancer death among men and women combined in the United States; and

WHEREAS; Colorectal Cancer almost always develops from precancerous polyps (abnormal growths) in the colon; and

WHEREAS, Screening tests can detect precancerous polyps so that they can be removed before they turn into cancer and screenings can also find colorectal cancer early when treatment works best; and

WHEREAS, Everybody age 50-75 should get screened and the US Preventative Task Force recommends screenings beginning at age 50 and age 45 or earlier if you have a family history; and

WHEREAS, Anyone who believes that they be at risk for colorectal cancer should learn their family history and ask their doctor if they should begin screenings before age 50; and

WHEREAS, Millions of people in the United States are not getting screened as recommended which could risk the chance of preventing colorectal cancer or to find it early when treatment is most likely to lead to a cure.

NOW THEREFORE the Mayor and Council of the City of Sugar Hill do hereby proclaim March 2024 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and encourage all citizens to obtain the appropriate screenings as recommended.

ADOPTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

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Brandon Hembree, Mayor

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Alvin Hicks, Mayor Pro Tem

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