

STATE OF TEXAS
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Colorectal cancer is one of the leading causes of cancer-related deaths in the United States. Prevention and early detection are key to preventing this type of cancer.

In many cases, colorectal cancer is associated with obesity, a high-fat diet, aging, and a sedentary lifestyle. It also can be associated with genetic disorders such as Lynch syndrome, an inherited condition that causes a high risk for colorectal and other cancers.

On average one in twenty-three individuals are at risk of being diagnosed with colorectal cancer in their lifetimes. However, thanks to preventative screenings there are now more than one million survivors of this disease in the United States. Regular screenings are vital, especially because no symptoms may be present in the cancer's early stages. As with many types of cancer, the earlier it is detected, the better the patient's prognosis.

During March, citizens across Texas join in a campaign to highlight the importance of raising awareness for colorectal cancer.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about this disease and the steps we can take today to make a difference for the future.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim March 2019, to be

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
18th day of January, 2019.