

# Proclamation

## *Colorectal Cancer Awareness March 2019*

**WHEREAS** Colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. among men and women combined but there is currently no cure; and

**WHEREAS** one in twenty men and one in twenty-four women will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in their lifetimes; and

**WHEREAS** there are now more than one million survivors of colorectal cancer in the United States; and

**WHEREAS** the national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is 80 percent of Americans ages 50 and older be screened in every community; and

**WHEREAS** if the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, half of all cases could be prevented entirely; and

**WHEREAS** it's critical that all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of the disease; and

**WHEREAS** observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March would provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Brian D. Levine, Director of the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, do hereby claim *March 2019 as: Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month* and urge all citizens to get regular screenings to help save lives.



*Brian D. Levin, Freeholder Director*



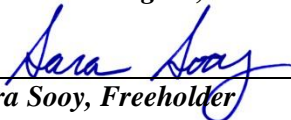
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*Kathryn Quick, Deputy Clerk of the Board*

February 26, 2019