

## Attachment D: Sample Proclamation

### ***Proclamation to Declare March 3, 2023 as Dress in Blue Day***

As March is known nationally as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and **Input your organization** to bring greater awareness and participation in colorectal cancer screening, individuals and organizations are encouraged to proclaim and celebrate Friday, March 3 as dress in Blue Day. While wearing blue clothing, join with others across the state to recognize the importance of colorectal cancer screening.

Each year, about 150,000 Americans are diagnosed with colorectal cancer and more than 50,000 die. In West Virginia, colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of cancer related deaths. Approximately 1 in 3 adults are not being screened for colorectal cancer as recommended. Screening is important to preventing and detecting colorectal cancer early when it is most treatable.

The Dress in Blue Day designation brings awareness to colorectal cancer and encourages men and women of average risk, ages 45-75, and those with a personal and family history, to screen for colorectal cancer on time.

In recognition of the important lifesaving prevention and early detection practices available for colorectal cancer, I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, do

hereby proclaim March 3, 2023, as Dress in Blue Day in \_\_\_\_\_. I urge all \_\_\_\_\_ citizens to wear blue clothing together to unite in promoting the importance of colorectal cancer screening.

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In February of 2023, the Governor of West Virginia [issued a proclamation](#) declaring March to be Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. We encourage you to use a proclamation in your area to bring awareness to this campaign.