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Proclamation

March: Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

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;

Whereas, colorectal cancer affects men and women equally;

Whereas, every 3 minutes, someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer and every 10 minutes someone dies from colorectal cancer;

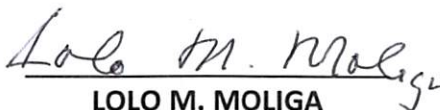
Whereas, routine screening helps detect colon cancer early when treatment is most effective and even prevent cancer altogether; and

Whereas, it is 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, Lolo M. Moliga, Governor of American Samoa, do hereby recognize March 2018 as **Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month**. I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens by wearing blue on Friday, March 2, 2018, to celebrate National **Dress in Blue Day** in eternal memory of those whose lives have been lost to this disease, to give courage to those affected by this disease and the shining hope for a future free of colon cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of my office on this 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen.



LOLO M. MOLIGA
Governor of American Samoa