PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined and there is currently no cure; and

WHEREAS, One in 22 men and one in 24 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, Approximately 33% of eligible North Dakotans 50 to 75 years of age and older are not up to date with colorectal cancer screening; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 384 North Dakotans are diagnosed with colorectal cancer each year and 130 will die from this disease; 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 is critical that all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of the disease; and

WHEREAS, Observing Colorectal Cancer Awareness during the month of March provides a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dr. Tim Mahoney, Mayor of the City of Fargo, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as:

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Fargo, North Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fargo, North Dakota to be affixed this 13th day of January, 2020.

Timothy J. Mahoney

Mayor

Fargo, North Dakota