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

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer affects men and women equally; and

WHEREAS, someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer every three minutes and someone dies from colorectal cancer every ten minutes; and

WHEREAS, only 39 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early stage; and

WHEREAS, the survival rate of individuals who have early stage colorectal cancer is 90 percent but drops to 10 percent when diagnosed after it has spread to other organs; and

WHEREAS, the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable wants 80 percent of Americans ages 50 and older screened for colorectal cancer by 2018; and

WHEREAS, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, American Indians and Native Alaskans are significantly less likely to be screened for colorectal cancer than are Caucasians; 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” would provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2017 to be

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 30th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-seventh.

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C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER
GOVERNOR

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LAWERENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE