

WHEREAS, Colorectal (combined colon and rectum) cancers are the third most common site of new cancers and deaths in the United States in both men and women over the age of 50; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, approximately 147,500 new cases and 57,100 deaths will occur from the disease in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Research suggests that the risk of colorectal cancer can be reduced by increased awareness and use of early detection practices, and following the American Cancer Society's recommended screening guidelines, including examination by health care provider; and

WHEREAS, Screening can prevent the occurrence of colorectal cancer by detecting and removing pre-cancerous polyps and can diagnose an early stage of the disease when it can be effectively cured; and

WHEREAS, In Santa Clara County, 635 new cases will be diagnosed and almost 195 will die of this preventable cancer; and

WHEREAS, Sister cities in Santa Clara County have declared themselves "a colon cancer free zone" by implementing an awareness program to help eliminate colon cancer in their community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby proclaim the month of March, 2004 as

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Sixteenth Day of March, Two Thousand and Four by unanimous vote.

Donald F. Gage
Supervisor, District One

Blanca Alvarado
Supervisor, District Two

James T. Beall, Jr.
Supervisor, District Four

WHEREAS, be it known that after xxxxx years of service to people of the County of Santa Clara, XXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX retired on xxxxx; and

Liz Kniss
Supervisor, District Five

Attest: Phyllis Perez
Clerk, Board of Supervisors