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# PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE ON COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, 2025

March 4, 2025

During National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, the First Lady and I offer our heartfelt prayers to every American battling the horrific disease of colorectal cancer, as well as their families, friends, and loved ones. In honor of those we have lost to this colorectal cancer, my Administration is strongly committed to ending our Nation's chronic disease epidemic and making America healthy again.

Every year, 150,000 Americans are diagnosed with—and 50,000 die from—colorectal cancer making it the leading cause of cancer death among Americans aged 18 to 49. Citizens with inflammatory bowel disease or a personal or family history of the disease face a heightened risk and should talk to their doctor about new advancements in cancer screening. Regular screening is recommended beginning at age 45 as it has been shown that early detection of cancer may result in more effective treatment.

Cancer is a devastating disease, but there is reason for hope. Since 1975, medical advancements have saved an estimated 940,000 Americans from colorectal cancer thanks to the incredible efforts of our exceptional American doctors and researchers. By improving prevention and screening processes we have given our people more precious moments with those they hold dear. The United States is at the forefront of medical technology—and recently, the Food and Drug Administration approved the first blood test for people at average risk for colon cancer. This advancement is another tool in the toolbox, including the colonoscopy and stool DNA tests—giving citizens the ability to choose the option that works best for them in consultation with their doctor. My Administration commits to lowering cancer rates and conquering chronic illness, which will create a Nation and a world free of cancer. We solemnly stand beside those who have lost their loved ones to this dreadful disease—and we pray that God provides courage and strength to those still fighting it, and to all those who are touched by its effects. As my Administration continues to push the boundaries of medical innovation, we pledge to build a brighter, healthier future for all Americans.

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