

Proclamation

Colorectal Cancer Awareness March 2016

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths for men and women in the United States and New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer affects men and women equally it is estimated there will be over 140,000 new cases with a death rate of over 50,000; and

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

WHEREAS, in Somerset County 30 individuals are diagnosed with cancer each week, ten individuals die of cancer each week and the annual incidence has increased; 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 which is why there are over one million colon cancer survivors in the United States however 5 percent of those diagnosed later will have cancer spread to other organs; and

WHEREAS, if the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, the death rate from this disease could plummet by up to 70 percent; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable in most cases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Stephen K. Pote, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung do hereby proclaim March as

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage residents to spread the word, get screened for colon cancer and incorporate a healthy diet, including fiber and whole grains, to reduce the risk of developing cancer.

Date: March 17, 2016



Stephen K. Pote, Mayor