

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined; and

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening, but 1 in 3 eligible Americans are not up to date on screening; and

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is increasing at an alarming rate among young people and is the leading cause of cancer death for men, and the second leading cause of cancer death for women under the age of 50; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2025 there were approximately 154,270 new cases and 52,900 deaths from colorectal cancer in the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, when colon cancer is found at an early stage (stage I-II), the 5-year survival rate is 91%, versus 16% when found at stage IV; and

**WHEREAS**, the national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is to strive to increase timely colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent in every community for all Americans eligible for screening; and

**WHEREAS**, observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March provides a special opportunity to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Antonio V. Arserio, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2026, as

## **COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.



**ANTONIO V. ARSERIO, MAYOR**

Vice Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Arlene R. Schwartz, Commissioner Joanne Simone