

**OFFICE OF THE TOWN BOARD
HANOVER TOWNSHIP, ILLINOIS**

PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH AS COLON CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, March 2009 is National Colon Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, March 11, 2009 is Real Women Wear Blue Day; and

WHEREAS, colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths, second to lung cancer, in men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the most recent available statistics show that in 2008 an estimated 148,810 adults (77,250 men and 71,560 women) in the United States were diagnosed with colorectal cancer including 108,070 new cases of colon cancer and 40,740 new cases of rectal cancer. It is estimated that 49,960 deaths (24,260 men and 25,700 women) would occur; and

WHEREAS, nine out of 10 diagnoses will occur in people aged 50 and older, and African-Americans are 10 percent more likely to be diagnosed with colon cancer than Caucasians and 30 percent more likely to die of the disease; and

WHEREAS, despite its high incidence, colon cancer is one of the most detectable and, if found early, most treatable forms of cancer. Ninety percent of those diagnosed early survive more than five years; and

WHEREAS, colon cancer starts with a growth (polyp) that is not cancer. Screening can find and remove growths before they develop into cancer. Early detection is our best defense against this devastating disease and regular screening can prevent over half of all colon cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS, a lack of public awareness and education about the prevention and treatment of colon cancer and the absence of symptoms contribute to low screening rates. The American Cancer Society recommends all people be screened starting at age 50 or earlier if there is a family history of colon cancer or polyps;

DATED: March 10, 2009

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE TOWNSHIP TO BE AFFIXED HERETO.

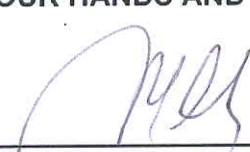
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