PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States; and,*

WHEREAS, *each year, more than 10,000 New Yorkers develop colorectal cancer and more than 3,500 die as a result; and,*

WHEREAS, *with recommended screening, the number of people who die from colorectal cancer could be reduced by at least 60%; and,*

WHEREAS, *over 90% of those diagnosed while the cancer is still localized survive more than five years, however, currently only 40% of colorectal cancers are detected in this early stage; and,*

WHEREAS, *uninsured Americans are more likely to be diagnosed with late stage colorectal cancer than patients with private insurance; and,*

WHEREAS, *64% of men and women without health insurance need to be screened; and,*

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Thomas J. Santulli, Chemung County Executive, do hereby proclaim:**

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and recognize and applaud the Cancer Services Program for providing information about the importance of prevention and early detection through regular screening and facilitating access to care for uninsured residents of Chemung County. Further, I urge residents of Chemung County to be screened regularly for colorectal cancer and to participate and support colorectal cancer awareness efforts by the Cancer Services Program.

In Witness Whereof I Have Hereunto Set My Hand and Seal this 25th Day of February, 2016.

Thomas J. Santulli
Chemung County Executive