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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MARCH AS "COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Cotter, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale,  
Ackerman, Speakman, McGaw, Donovan, O'Brien, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: March 05, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society encourages the citizens of the State of Rhode  
2 Island to observe March, 2024, as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month"; and

3           WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths among  
4 men and women combined in Rhode Island as well as in the United States; and

5           WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society, in 2024 there will be an  
6 estimated 152,810 new cases of colon and rectal cancer in the United States and 53,010 deaths  
7 from colorectal cancer. In Rhode Island, it is estimated that there will be 470 new cases of  
8 colorectal cancer in 2024, and 150 deaths from colorectal cancer; and

9           WHEREAS, When colorectal cancer is found early, it has a survival rate of 80 percent,  
10 but left undetected, survival rates for colorectal cancer can plummet to 10 percent; and

11           WHEREAS, There are often no symptoms of colorectal cancer, but regular screenings  
12 can significantly reduce the number of deaths from this disease by detecting cancerous or pre-  
13 cancerous conditions early, when treatment is most effective; and

14           WHEREAS, Education can help inform the public of methods of early detection and  
15 prevention. Colorectal cancer is largely preventable with screening tests that find and remove pre-  
16 cancerous polyps; and

17           WHEREAS, Working with the legislature, the American Cancer Society remains  
18 committed and dedicated to informing the public about colorectal cancer prevention and  
19 screening; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
2 proclaims March of 2024, as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month"; and be it further

3           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
4 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the American Cancer Society, and President  
5 Daniel J. Pambianco, MD, FACG, American College of Gastroenterology.

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