

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION

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

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Metts, Archambault, Felag, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: March 14, 2018

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society encourages the State of Rhode Island and
2 Providence Plantations to observe March, 2018 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month;" and

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

5 WHEREAS, An estimated 460 people in Rhode Island were diagnosed with colorectal
6 cancer this year and an estimated 160 people in Rhode Island died from this disease in 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, When colorectal cancer is found early, it has a survival rate of 80-95
8 percent, but left undetected, survival rates for colorectal cancer can plummet to 10 percent; and

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

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

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

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
19 hereby proclaims the month of March as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" in Rhode Island;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
3 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the American Cancer Society, and Dr. Samir
4 Shah, Secretary, American College of Gastroenterology.

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