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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Ruggerio, Lombardi, Algiere, and Metts

Date Introduced: March 28, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society encourages the citizens of the State of Rhode  
2 Island to observe March, 2019, 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, According to the American Cancer Society, in 2018 there were 145,600 new  
6 cases of colorectal cancer in the United States and 51,020 deaths from colorectal cancer. In  
7 Rhode Island, there were 470 new cases of colorectal cancer in 2018, and 160 deaths from  
8 colorectal cancer; and

9 WHEREAS, When colorectal cancer is found early, it has a survival rate of 80-95  
10 percent, 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 Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
2 hereby proclaims the month of March as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" in Rhode Island;  
3 and be it further

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

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