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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

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

Introduced By: Senator Maryellen Goodwin

Date Introduced: March 06, 2023

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society encourages the citizens of the State of Rhode  
2 Island to observe March, 2023, 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 2023 there will be an  
6 estimated 153,020 new cases of colon and rectal cancer in the United States and 52,550 deaths  
7 from colorectal cancer. In Rhode Island, it is estimated that there will be 470 new cases of  
8 colorectal cancer in 2023, and 160 deaths from colorectal cancer; and

9 WHEREAS, When colorectal cancer is found early, it has a survival rate of 85-95  
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 hereby proclaims March of  
2 2023, 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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