

By Senator Carlton

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1 Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

2 A resolution recognizing March as Colorectal  
3 Cancer Awareness Month and urging all men and  
4 women to become aware of the risks and symptoms  
5 associated with colorectal cancer.

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7 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause  
8 of cancer deaths in Florida, and

9 WHEREAS, it is estimated that this year physicians will  
10 diagnose 9,100 cases of colorectal cancer in Florida, and

11 WHEREAS, nationally less than 50 percent of individuals  
12 above age 50 receive annual screenings for colorectal cancer,  
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14 WHEREAS, adopting a healthy diet at a young age can  
15 significantly reduce the risk of developing colorectal cancer,  
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17 WHEREAS, March is also recognized as National Nutrition  
18 Awareness Month and the prevention of colorectal cancer is  
19 highly dependent on dietary factors, and

20 WHEREAS, regular screenings can save many lives, and

21 WHEREAS, education can help inform the public of  
22 methods of prevention and symptoms of early detection, NOW,  
23 THEREFORE,

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25 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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27 That the Florida Senate recognizes March as Colorectal  
28 Cancer Awareness Month in Florida, and urges all men and  
29 women, and particularly members of high-risk populations, to  
30 become aware of the risks and symptoms associated with

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1 colorectal cancer and to become informed concerning screening  
2 tests and methods for early detection and treatment.  
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