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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 9,400 cases of colorectal cancer in this state and  
11 4,000 Floridians will die from colorectal cancer, and

12 WHEREAS, nationally less than 50 percent of individuals  
13 above age 50 receive annual screenings for colorectal cancer,  
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15 WHEREAS, adopting a healthy diet at a young age can  
16 significantly reduce the risk of developing colorectal cancer,  
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18 WHEREAS, following screening guidelines can lower the  
19 number of cases by detecting precancerous polyps, 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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