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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 2007 as "Colon Cancer Awareness Month" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, colon cancer is one of the most prevalent, yet in most cases, preventable cancers, and

WHEREAS, among cancer cases in the state of Florida, colon cancer is the second most common cause of death among adult men and women, and

WHEREAS, it is possible to have colon or rectal cancer, yet not have any cancer symptoms, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 11,420 new cases of colon cancer will be diagnosed among Floridians and 3,530 people will die from the disease during the year 2007, and

WHEREAS, the risk for colon cancer increases with age, with more than 90 percent of all colon and rectal cancers being diagnosed in adults age 50 or older, and

WHEREAS, Floridians can significantly lower the number of incidents of colon cancer and deaths from this disease by complying with the colorectal cancer screening guidelines by the American Cancer Society, and

WHEREAS, approximately 44 percent of Floridians age 50 and older report never having received a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy exam, two of the screening exams recommended by the American Cancer Society, and

WHEREAS, regular screenings may lower death rates by detecting the disease at its earliest and most treatable states and may also prevent some cancers through detection and removal of polyps, and

1 WHEREAS, the Florida Division of the American Cancer
2 Society has engaged in a comprehensive, integrated approach to
3 significantly lessen the effect of colorectal cancer in
4 Florida through the launching of its "No Excuses Campaign to
5 Defeat Colon Cancer in Florida," which focuses primarily on
6 increasing public awareness, affecting physician behavior
7 through partnerships with health care organizations, and
8 advocating for insurance coverage, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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12 That the Florida Senate recognizes the month of March
13 2007 as "Colon Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida and urges
14 all men and women to understand the risks associated with
15 colon cancer, to take preventative steps to minimize those
16 risks, and to undergo early detection procedures in compliance
17 with colon cancer screening guidelines recommended by the
18 American Cancer Society.