

By Senator Berman

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 2019 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is currently the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States among both men and women, and

WHEREAS, in 2018, approximately 140,250 people in the United States were diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and approximately 50,630 people died from the disease, and

WHEREAS, the average risk of developing colorectal cancer in one's lifetime is 5 percent, and this risk may increase depending on age, family history, or ethnicity, and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2013 incidence report, Floridians were affected by colorectal cancer at a rate of 35.8 per 100,000, and the death rate was 13.4 per 100,000, and

WHEREAS, with early detection, the 5-year survival rate for colorectal cancer is approximately 90 percent, but, even with regular screenings, only four out of ten cases are detected sufficiently early, and such factors as lack of awareness and inability to afford proper screenings often prevent detection, and

WHEREAS, if colorectal cancer is discovered in later stages after it has begun to spread to other organs, the survival rate is a mere 10 percent, but this survival figure could increase if adults older than 50 years of age are regularly screened to discover the cancer in its earlier stages, and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness of and education concerning

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30 colorectal cancer leads to significant progress in both
31 preventing and overcoming the disease, as the majority of cases
32 have proven to be both treatable and survivable, NOW, THEREFORE,
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34 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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36 That March 2019 is recognized as "Colorectal Cancer
37 Awareness Month" in Florida.