

By Senator Berman

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 2020 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

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

WHEREAS, in 2019, approximately 101,420 people in the United States were diagnosed with colorectal cancer and approximately 51,020 people died in 2019 from the disease, and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, 11,310 Floridians were diagnosed with colorectal cancer and 3,700 Floridians died from the disease, and

WHEREAS, the colorectal cancer survival rate could increase if adults older than 45 years of age were regularly screened to discover the cancer in its earlier stages, and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness of and education concerning colorectal cancer leads to significant progress in both preventing and overcoming the disease, as the majority of cases have proven to be both treatable and survivable, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That March 2020 is recognized as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.