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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MARCH AS "COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Messier, Morgan, Morin, McLaughlin, and Hull

Date Introduced: March 21, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society encourages the State of Rhode Island and  
2 Providence Plantations to observe March, 2017 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month;" and

3 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among men  
4 and women combined in Rhode Island as well as in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, An estimated 490 people in Rhode Island were diagnosed with colorectal  
6 cancer this year and an estimated 160 people in Rhode Island died from this disease in 2016; and

7 WHEREAS, When colorectal cancer is found early, it has a survival rate of 80-95  
8 percent, but left undetected, survival rates for colorectal cancer can plummet to 10 percent; and

9 WHEREAS, There are often no symptoms of colorectal cancer, but regular screenings  
10 can significantly reduce the number of deaths from this disease by detecting cancerous or pre-  
11 cancerous conditions early, when treatment is most effective; and

12 WHEREAS, Education can help inform the public of methods of early detection and  
13 prevention. Colorectal cancer is largely preventable with screening tests that find and remove pre-  
14 cancerous polyps; and

15 WHEREAS, Working with the legislature, the American Cancer Society remains  
16 committed and dedicated to informing the public about colorectal cancer prevention and  
17 screening; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
19 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims the month of March as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness

1 Month" in Rhode Island; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
3 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the American Cancer Society, and Anne-Louise  
4 B. Oliphant, Vice President, Communications, American College of Gastroenterology.

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