

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

SENATE RESOLUTION

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

Introduced By: Senator Maryellen Goodwin

Date Introduced: March 04, 2021

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society encourages the citizens of the State of Rhode
2 Island to observe March, 2021, as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month"; and

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

5 WHEREAS, An estimated 490 people in Rhode Island will be diagnosed with colorectal
6 cancer this year and an estimated 160 people in Rhode Island will die from this disease in 2021;
7 and

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

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

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

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

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby proclaims the month

1 of March as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness 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 Dr. Samir
4 Shah, President-Elect, American College of Gastroenterology.

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