**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO SPREAD AWARENESS OF COLORECTAL CANCER AND THE NEED FOR EARLY SCREENING AND DETECTION AND TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MARCH 2019 AS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, colorectal cancer is the second‑leading cause of cancer deaths is the United States among men and women combined, but there is currently no cure; and

Whereas, one in twenty men and one in twenty‑four women will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in their lifetime; and

Whereas, there are now more than one million survivors of colorectal cancer in the United States, and

Whereas, the national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is eighty percent of Americans ages fifty and older be screened in every community; and

Whereas, if the majority of people in the United States age fifty and older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, half of all cases could be prevented entirely; and

Whereas, it is critical that all people of all ages know the signs and symptoms of the disease; and

Whereas, observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March would provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, spread awareness of colorectal cancer and the need for early screening and detection and proclaim the month of March 2019 as “Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month” in the State of South Carolina.

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