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HJR\_\_\_ RECOGNIZING MARCH 2025 AS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS  
MONTH IN ALABAMA.

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

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is one of the most highly  
preventable forms of cancer because screening tests can find  
polyps that can be removed before becoming cancerous; and

WHEREAS, screening tests can detect colorectal cancer  
early, when treatment works best; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention estimates that if every individual aged 50 or  
older had regular screening tests, as many as 60 percent of  
deaths from colorectal cancer could be prevented; and

WHEREAS, when detected early, the five-year survival  
rate for patients with localized colorectal cancer is 90  
percent, but only 39 percent of all diagnoses are diagnosed  
at this stage, mostly due to low rates of screening; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer screenings can effectively  
reduce colorectal cancer incidence and mortality, yet one in  
three adults over 50 years of age are not up to date with  
recommended colorectal cancer screening; and

WHEREAS, deaths from colorectal cancer occur  
disproportionately among those who are underserved or



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29 underinsured; and

30 WHEREAS, since 2014, colorectal cancer rates have  
31 been increasing by two percent per year in people younger  
32 than 50 years of age; and

33 WHEREAS, public awareness and education campaigns on  
34 colorectal cancer prevention, screening, and symptoms are  
35 held during the month of March each year; and

36 WHEREAS, educational efforts can help provide  
37 information to the public of methods of prevention and  
38 screening, as well as about symptoms for early detection;  
39 and

40 WHEREAS, greater awareness of colon cancer and the  
41 means to prevent it could save the lives of hundreds of  
42 Alabamians every year; and

43 WHEREAS, observing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month  
44 during the month of March would provide a special  
45 opportunity to offer education on the importance of early  
46 detection and screening; now therefore,

47 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
48 HOUSES THEROF CONCURRING, That we recognize the importance  
49 of colorectal screenings.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage all  
51 Alabamians who are 45 years of age and older to get a  
52 colorectal screening, and we recognize March 2025 as  
53 Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Alabama.