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HJR\_\_\_ RECOGNIZING MARCH 2026 AS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN ALABAMA.

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

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is one of the most preventable forms of cancer because screening tests can detect and allow for the removal of polyps before they become cancerous; and

WHEREAS, screening tests can detect colorectal cancer early, when treatment is most effective; and

WHEREAS, the United States Preventive Services Task Force and the American Cancer Society recommend that adults at average risk begin regular colorectal cancer screening at age 45; and

WHEREAS, public health authorities estimate that if all eligible adults received recommended screening, as many as 60 percent of colorectal cancer deaths could be prevented; and

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



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29 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer screening significantly  
30 reduces both the incidence of and mortality from the  
31 disease, yet one in three eligible adults are not up to date  
32 with recommended screenings; and

33 WHEREAS, deaths from colorectal cancer occur  
34 disproportionately among those who are underserved or  
35 underinsured; and

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

39 WHEREAS, public awareness and education campaigns on  
40 colorectal cancer prevention, screening, and symptoms are  
41 held annually during the month of March; and

42 WHEREAS, educational efforts help inform the public  
43 about prevention methods, screening recommendations, and  
44 symptoms for early detection; and

45 WHEREAS, greater awareness of colorectal cancer and  
46 the means to prevent it could save the lives of hundreds of  
47 Alabamians every year; and

48 WHEREAS, observing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month  
49 during March provides a valuable opportunity to promote  
50 education on the importance of early detection and  
51 screening; now therefore,

52 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
53 HOUSES THEROF CONCURRING, That we recognize the importance  
54 of colorectal screenings.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage all  
56 Alabamians 45 years of age and older, and others at



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57 increased risk as advised by their health care providers, to  
58 receive recommended colorectal cancer screening, and we  
59 hereby recognize March 2026 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness  
60 Month in Alabama.