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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.