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4 RECOGNIZING MARCH 2024 AS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
5 IN ALABAMA.
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7 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second leading
8 cause of cancer death among men and women combined in the
9 United States; and

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

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

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

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

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

27 WHEREAS, deaths from colorectal cancer occur
28 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 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;
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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 a Colorectal Cancer Awareness
44 Month 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 age 45 and older to get a colorectal
52 screening, and we recognize March 2024 as Colorectal Cancer
53 Awareness Month in Alabama.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 20-Feb-24.

John Treadwell
Clerk

29-Feb-24

Senate

Adopted