

Reps. Cochran, Allor, Bizon, Canfield, Crawford, Elder, Faris, Geiss, Green, Greig, Hammoud, Howrylak, Hughes, Lasinski, Liberati, Maturen, Phelps, Sneller and Sowerby offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 265.

A resolution to declare March 2018 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Nationally, March has long been recognized as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in an effort to raise public awareness about the importance of early screening and detection; and

Whereas, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among men and women combined in the United States. This year, it is estimated 2,230 Michiganders will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and approximately 1,670 more will die from it; and

Whereas, Colorectal cancer is one of the most highly preventable forms of cancer because routine screening can find polyps that can be removed before becoming cancerous. When detected early, the five-year survival rate for colorectal cancer is 90 percent. It is estimated that 7,376 new cases and 5,406 deaths would be avoided by 2030 if 80 percent of age-eligible Michiganders were up-to-date with their colorectal cancer screening. Educational efforts can help provide information to the public on methods of prevention and screening, as well as about symptoms for early detection; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 2018 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We urge all Michiganders to use this month as an opportunity to spread awareness about the importance of colorectal screening, prevention, and treatment.