

MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 23

Offered by Senators Hertel, Bayer, Geiss, Lauwers and Santana

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 2023 AS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society, colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths in men and women; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, an estimated 151,030 people were diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and there were approximately 53,000 deaths; and

WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is expected to cause around 52,550 deaths in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Incidence and mortality rates of colorectal cancer are disproportionately higher among racial and ethnic minorities, particularly African Americans and American Indian/Alaskan Natives; and

WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with a timely screening to find and remove pre-cancerous polyps; and

WHEREAS, The National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (NCCRT) strives to increase timely colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent for all eligible Americans; and

WHEREAS, It is critical that people of all ages recognize the signs and symptoms of the disease; and

WHEREAS, Observing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during March provides a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body recognize March 2023 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and urge all residents to observe this important occasion.

Adopted by the Senate, March 23, 2023.


Secretary of the Senate