

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

Senator Hertel offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to recognize March 2023 as Colorectal Cancer  
2 Awareness Month.

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

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

9           Whereas, Colorectal cancer is expected to cause around 52,550  
10 deaths in 2023; and

11           Whereas, Incidence and mortality rates of colorectal cancer  
12 are disproportionately higher among racial and ethnic minorities,

1 particularly African Americans and American Indian/Alaskan Natives;  
2 and

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

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

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

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

14       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
15 body recognize March 2023 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and  
16 urge all residents to observe this important occasion.