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6 By: Senator L. Eads

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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF MARCH AS NATIONAL  
10 COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS  
16 MONTH.

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18 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths  
19 in the United States with approximately one hundred fifty thousand (150,000)  
20 Americans diagnosed and more than fifty thousand (50,000) American deaths  
21 from the disease each year; and

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23 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer affects both men and women of all racial and  
24 ethnic groups and is most often found in people who are fifty (50) years of  
25 age or older; and

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27 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is a disease that affects people whether  
28 they are male or female, overweight or thin, young or old; and

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30 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer may begin as noncancerous polyps that can  
31 become cancerous, and many precancerous polyps and colorectal cancers do not  
32 exhibit symptoms, therefore intensifying the importance of a screening test  
33 for colorectal cancer; and

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35 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer screening tests can find precancerous polyps  
36 so they can be removed before they turn into cancer, and screening tests can



1 also detect the presence of colorectal cancer early enough for treatment to  
2 lead to a cure; and

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4 WHEREAS, nine (9) out of ten (10) colorectal cancers could be prevented  
5 or successfully treated with regular colorectal cancer screenings; and

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7 WHEREAS, the United States Preventive Services Task Force recommends  
8 regular screening for colorectal cancer for all people who are between fifty  
9 (50) and seventy-five (75) years of age, and for some people who are older  
10 than seventy-five (75) years of age; and

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12 WHEREAS, the American College of Gastroenterology recommends that  
13 African American patients begin screening for colorectal cancer at age forty-  
14 five (45); and

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16 WHEREAS, when colorectal cancer is detected and treated early, the  
17 five-year survival rate is over ninety percent (90%); and

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19 WHEREAS, increased public awareness of colorectal cancer and colorectal  
20 cancer screening saves lives; and

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22 WHEREAS, March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month,

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24 NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
26 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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28 THAT the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Third General Assembly  
29 of the State of Arkansas, the Senate concurring, acknowledges the profound  
30 impact of colorectal cancer on the lives of Arkansans, supports the medical  
31 belief that colorectal cancer screening tests can prevent and cure this  
32 disease, urges the citizens of the state to obtain colorectal screenings at  
33 fifty (50) years of age, forty-five (45) years of age for African Americans,  
34 and recognizes the month of March as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness  
35 Month.

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