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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

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

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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF MARCH AS  
14 NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS  
15 MONTH.

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

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

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

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

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34 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer screening tests can find precancerous polyps  
35 so they can be removed before they turn into cancer, and screening tests can  
36 also detect the presence of colorectal cancer early enough for treatment to



1 lead to a cure; and

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

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

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

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

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

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21 WHEREAS, March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month,

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23 NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL  
25 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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