

## House Resolution 1675

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March, 2018, as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month at the state  
2 capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, colon cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second  
4 leading cause of cancer death in men and women in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, approximately one in 20 Americans develop colon cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, in Georgia there are over 4,000 new cases of colon cancer diagnosed per year,  
7 and more than 1,500 die annually from colon cancer in Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable; and

9 WHEREAS, a family history of colon cancer, smoking, and a diet low in fiber may  
10 predispose one to developing colon cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, once there are symptoms of colon cancer, the disease may already have spread;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society has specific recommendations for the screening  
14 needed for people at average risk and at high risk for developing colorectal cancer; and

15 WHEREAS, men and women at average risk should be screened for colon cancer starting  
16 at age 50; and

17 WHEREAS, an annual physical exam is not complete without a discussion and plan for a  
18 rectal exam, fecal blood tests, or endoscopic procedures that may reveal polyps and cancer;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, some people may be at higher risk for colorectal cancer due to personal or  
21 family history of colon cancer or other bowel conditions, and this may require additional  
22 tests, genetic counseling, and shorter intervals for checkups; and

23 WHEREAS, regular screening can detect colon cancer early, when treatment is most  
24 effective; and

25 WHEREAS, new advances in treatment of colon cancer include surgery, chemotherapy,  
26 radiation therapy, targeted therapy, and immunotherapy; and

27 WHEREAS, increased awareness, early screening, and better treatments for colon cancer  
28 have resulted in an improved survival rate; and

29 WHEREAS, there are currently more than one million colon cancer survivors in the United  
30 States; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the necessity of prevention and  
32 early screening in order to make an early diagnosis of colorectal cancer.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body recognize March, 2018, as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness  
35 Month at the state capitol and encourage all Georgians to be proactive in seeking out advice  
36 and screening from their physicians, their health care providers, their county health  
37 departments, the American Cancer Society, or Regional Cancer Coalitions.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
40 public and the press.