1   A RESOLUTION declaring March 2022 as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness

2   Month and recognizing March 4, 2022, as Dress in Blue Day.

3   WHEREAS, the Colon Cancer Screening and Prevention Program is one of the

4   Commonwealth's most successful public health programs; and

5   WHEREAS, in partnership with the Kentucky General Assembly, screening rates

6   have risen from 34.7 percent to 69.8 percent, improving more than any other state and

7   moving Kentucky's ranking from 49th to 20th; and

8   WHEREAS, as screening rates have more than doubled, colorectal cancer incidence

9   rates and mortality rates have declined. This decrease in incidence means that every year,

10   30 percent fewer Kentuckians are diagnosed with colon cancer; and

11   WHEREAS, the Colon Cancer Screening and Prevention Program, and the

12   collective efforts of multiple partners working together, are proving to be life-saving for

13   Kentuckians; and

14   WHEREAS, the Colorectal Cancer Alliance recognizes March as National

15   Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month to spread awareness of this disease and the

16   importance of screening; and

17   WHEREAS, Dress in Blue Day was launched in 2009 to bring awareness and

18   national attention to colon cancer and honor those impacted by colorectal cancer; and

19   WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 14th annual Dress in Blue Day. This body honors

20   those volunteers, advocates, and survivors who have worked so diligently to make this

21   year's Dress in Blue Day a success;

22   NOW, THEREFORE,

23   *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*

24   *Kentucky:*

25   ➔Section 1.   The Senate hereby honors the Kentucky Colon Cancer Screening and

26   Prevention Program.

27   ➔Section 2.   The Senate hereby recognizes the month of March 2022 as National

1   Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and recognizes March 4, 2022, as Dress in Blue

2   Day.

3   ➜Section 3.   The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this

4   Resolution to Senator Ralph Alvarado.