

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4615, by Representative Pettigrew

1 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recently lost a dear friend
2 and colleague, Representative Roger Freeman, to colorectal cancer,
3 and wish to honor him; and

4 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer
5 death in the United States, despite being highly treatable with early
6 detection; and

7 WHEREAS, It is estimated that this year more than 132,000
8 individuals will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and more than
9 49,000 individuals will die from the disease; and

10 WHEREAS, 1 in 3 adults between the ages of 50 and 75 are not up-
11 to-date with recommended colorectal cancer screening, which can
12 detect colorectal cancer early when treatment is most effective; and

13 WHEREAS, All men and women are at risk of colorectal cancer,
14 especially those with a personal or family history of colorectal
15 cancer or precancerous polyps, who should talk to their health care
16 provider about starting screening earlier than age 50; and

17 WHEREAS, The Washington CARES About Cancer Partnership has
18 initiated a year-round campaign for colorectal cancer awareness to
19 help Washington reach the goal of 80 percent of age-eligible
20 Washingtonians being regularly screened by 2018; and

21 WHEREAS, Designating March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
22 has the goal of increasing awareness and understanding of the
23 importance and effectiveness of screening by all Washingtonians,
24 regardless of age, income, and insurance status; and

25 WHEREAS, Governor Inslee proclaimed March 2015 as Colorectal
26 Cancer Awareness Month;

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
28 of Representatives observe March 2015 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness
29 Month; and encourage the people of Washington to take advantage of
30 life-saving screening for colorectal cancer.

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32 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
33 Resolution 4615 adopted by the House of Representatives
34 April 2, 2015

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk