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Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

A resolution recognizing March 2004 as Colon  
Cancer Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, colon cancer is one of the most prevalent yet,  
in most cases, preventable cancers, and

WHEREAS, among cancer cases in this state, colon cancer  
is the second most common cause of cancer death among men and  
women, and

WHEREAS, it is possible to have colon or rectal cancer  
yet not have any cancer symptoms, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of the American Cancer  
Society estimates that 9,950 new cases of colon cancer will be  
diagnosed among Floridians during the year 2004, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of the American Cancer  
Society estimates that during the year 2004, the number of  
cancer deaths due to colon cancer among Floridians will be  
3,840, and

WHEREAS, complying with the American Cancer Society  
colon cancer screening guidelines can lower the number of  
cases by detecting and removing polyps that could become  
cancerous, and

WHEREAS, colon cancer screenings may also prevent  
deaths from the disease by finding the cancer early, when it  
is highly curable, and

WHEREAS, when diagnosed with early, localized disease,  
90 percent of people with colon cancer survive, NOW,

THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

1           That the month of March 2004 is recognized as Colon  
2 Cancer Awareness Month in Florida and that all men and women  
3 in this state are encouraged to understand the risks  
4 associated with colon cancer, to take preventive steps to  
5 minimize those risks, and to undergo early detection  
6 procedures such as colonoscopy in compliance with the American  
7 Cancer Society's recommended colon cancer screening  
8 guidelines.  
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