

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2010 as "Colorectal Cancer  
2 Examination Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is both the third most common  
4 cancer diagnosis and the second leading cause of cancer death in  
5 the United States of America; and

6 WHEREAS, A family history of colorectal cancer or a personal  
7 history of an inflammatory bowel disease is considered to be  
8 among the biggest risk factors for the disease, with other risk  
9 factors including obesity, alcohol consumption, red and  
10 processed meat consumption and diabetes; and

11 WHEREAS, Men are 35% more likely to get colorectal cancer  
12 than women and African Americans are 20% more likely to get this

1 cancer than other races or ethnicities; and

2 WHEREAS, It is estimated that as many as 60% of colorectal  
3 cancer deaths could be prevented if all men and women 50 years  
4 of age or older were screened routinely, for colorectal  
5 examinations save lives; this is because colorectal cancer  
6 develops from precancerous polyps in the colon and rectum which  
7 can be seen in examinations and removed before they turn into  
8 cancer; and

9 WHEREAS, Screening tests also can find colorectal cancer  
10 early, when treatment works best; and

11 WHEREAS, Since the 1990s, colorectal cancer incidence and  
12 mortality rates have been declining and the five-year survival  
13 rate has been increasing; and

14 WHEREAS, Early colon cancer detection through sigmoidoscopies  
15 and, where indicated, colonoscopies has contributed to the  
16 decline in the death rate; and

17 WHEREAS, Use of these examinations and good dietary habits  
18 should be encouraged through awareness programs; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
20 month of September 2010 as "Colorectal Cancer Examination  
21 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.