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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 12, 2009, as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Day"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of  
4 cancer deaths among men and women in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2008 physicians diagnosed an estimated 7,560 new  
6 cases of colorectal cancer in this Commonwealth and the disease  
7 killed more than 2,500 individuals; and

8 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates in  
9 this Commonwealth are higher than the national average; and

10 WHEREAS, If citizens 50 years of age or older would have  
11 regular colorectal cancer screening tests, at least one-third of  
12 colorectal cancer deaths could be prevented each year due to  
13 early detection; and

14 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer can almost always be cured if  
15 detected in its early stages with regular screening tests to  
16 detect colon polyps before they become cancerous, saving lives

1 and reducing mortality both by decreasing incidence and by  
2 detecting a higher proportion of cancer at early, more treatable  
3 stages; and

4 WHEREAS, Education can help inform the public of methods of  
5 prevention and symptoms of early detection, and May 12, 2009, is  
6 the day for consumer education to promote colorectal cancer  
7 awareness in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize May 12, 2009, as  
9 "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.