

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 641 Session of 2010

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 1, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Observing the month of March 2010 as "National Colorectal Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of
4 cancer death among men and women in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, It is estimated that in 2009, physicians diagnosed
6 more than 152,000 new cases of colorectal cancer in the United
7 States; and

8 WHEREAS, The disease is suspected to have killed more than
9 49,000 individuals in the United States in 2009; and

10 WHEREAS, If everyone 50 years of age or older would have
11 regular colorectal cancer screening tests, at least one-third of

1 colorectal cancer deaths could be prevented each year because of
2 early detection and treatment; and

3 WHEREAS, Adopting a healthy diet at a young age can
4 significantly reduce the risk of developing colorectal cancer;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, March has been designated as "National Nutrition
7 Awareness Month," and prevention of colorectal cancer is highly
8 dependent on dietary factors; and

9 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer can almost always be cured if
10 detected in its early stages; and

11 WHEREAS, Regular screening tests detect colon polyps before
12 they become cancerous, saving lives; and

13 WHEREAS, Screening reduces mortality both by decreasing
14 incidents and detecting a higher proportion of cancer at early,
15 more treatable stages; and

16 WHEREAS, Education can help inform the public of methods of
17 prevention and symptoms of early detection; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives observe the month
19 of March 2010 as "National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" in
20 Pennsylvania.