

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 446

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the American College of Gastroenterology and medical centers throughout the nation in observing the month of March 2017 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Cancer respects no boundaries, and early detection is key to the best possible outcomes; each year, colorectal cancer awareness efforts are highlighted during the month of March to promote regular cancer screenings and inform the public about prevention and treatment options; and

WHEREAS, In preparation for this annual national awareness campaign, the American College of Gastroenterology publishes a colorectal cancer awareness toolkit that includes a wealth of resources, tips, and downloadable materials for doctors to share with patients, policymakers, and the media; this vital trove of information stresses the importance of regular colonoscopy screenings as a safe and highly effective method for early detection and as a valuable tool for prevention as well; and

WHEREAS, Local health care groups host a number of community outreach initiatives in March to raise awareness of colorectal cancer, and clinics and cancer centers around the country participate in National Dress in Blue Day to convey the importance of regular screenings and to show support for patients and survivors; and

WHEREAS, Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to educate the public and to connect patients with the resources they need to make informed health care decisions that will help them live long and healthy lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend all who have contributed to Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month for their efforts on behalf of patients and health care workers in Texas and around the nation and extend to them best wishes for a successful 2017 awareness campaign; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as a memento of this special month.

Buckingham

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate