

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 177

WHEREAS, Colon cancer is a dangerous and all-too-common disease that afflicts individuals across the nation and around the globe, and a considerable number of cases of colon cancer arise from an inherited genetic condition; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 4.2 percent of the total U.S. population will develop some form of colon cancer in their lifetime; out of all colon cancer cases, about 5 to 10 percent are hereditary, meaning that they are linked to genetic mutations passed down by the individual's mother or father; overall, about one in every 200 people is born with an inherited condition that increases his or her chance of developing colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, Hereditary colon cancer conditions affect individuals at younger ages, often before regular colorectal cancer screenings begin at age 50; compounding the issue, medical professionals are frequently undertrained in the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary colon cancers, which can be an obstacle to effective and timely intervention; and

WHEREAS, Early screening and treatment are crucial to improving outcomes for patients with hereditary colon cancer; it is important to identify families with inherited syndromes linked to colorectal cancer or with a history of colorectal cancer or its associated risk factors; the members of such families may benefit from receiving regular screenings at a younger age than the standard recommendation; and

WHEREAS, Increased public awareness is a powerful weapon in the fight against colon cancer, and Texans can greatly benefit from assessing their family history of the disease and learning

more about screening, genetic testing, counseling, and other actions that they can take to protect their health; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby recognize the fourth week of March 2021 as Hereditary Colon Cancer Syndrome Awareness Week and encourage all citizens to learn more about this serious condition.

Campbell

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 23, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate