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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month is being
2 observed in March 2025 to bring greater attention to the fourth most
3 commonly diagnosed type of cancer in the United States and the
4 second leading cause of cancer deaths; and

5 WHEREAS, Each year, around 150,000 Americans are diagnosed
6 with colorectal cancer, and more than 50,000 die from the disease,
7 including an estimated 4,500 Texans; and

8 WHEREAS, Although life-threatening, colorectal cancer is
9 highly curable if detected early; health care screenings can
10 identify the preliminary stages of the disease before it progresses
11 to cancer, and the American Cancer Society recommends that
12 individuals of average risk begin receiving regular screenings at
13 age 45; if treated in its early stages, the five-year survival rate
14 for colorectal cancer is as high as 90 percent; and

15 WHEREAS, While screenings have helped steadily reduce the
16 rate of death from colorectal cancer, cases are currently rising
17 among young adults; colorectal cancer also disproportionately
18 affects Black Americans, who face a 15 percent higher rate of
19 diagnosis and a 35 percent higher mortality rate from this type of
20 cancer than non-Hispanic White Americans; and

21 WHEREAS, Early detection remains the most powerful tool in
22 preventing colorectal cancer, and the observance of National
23 Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in March 2025 is helping to
24 educate the public about the importance of cancer screenings and

1 other interventions that have the potential to save lives; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize March 2025 as National Colorectal
5 Cancer Awareness Month and encourage all Texans to learn more about
6 the disease and the actions that they can take to protect their
7 health.