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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15-011

101 **CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF MARCH AS COLORECTAL CANCER**
102 **AWARENESS MONTH.**

1 WHEREAS, Cancer of the colon is one of the most preventable
2 forms of cancer; and

3 WHEREAS, Nine out of 10 colon cancers could be prevented or
4 successfully treated with regular colon cancer screening; and

5 WHEREAS, About one-third of adults over the age of 50 are not
6 being screened; and

7 WHEREAS, Consequently, colorectal cancer is the leading cancer
8 killer among nonsmoking men and women in the United States; and

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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1 WHEREAS, The risk of developing colorectal cancer increases
2 with age; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 90 percent of cases occur in people aged
4 50 or older; and

5 WHEREAS, A person who has a close relative who has had colon
6 polyps or colon cancer or a person who has inflammatory bowel disease,
7 a genetic syndrome such as familial adenomatous polyposis or hereditary
8 nonpolyposis colorectal cancer, or colon polyps is at a higher risk of
9 developing colon cancer; and

10 WHEREAS, Because most people with colorectal cancer have no
11 symptoms, it is important to be screened for colorectal cancer through
12 endoscopic screening or high-sensitivity stool testing; now, therefore,

13 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventieth General Assembly*
14 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

15 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, hereby
16 establish the month of March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.