

1           A RESOLUTION designating March 2024 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month  
2 in Kentucky.

3           WHEREAS, Dr. Whitney Jones, a Louisville gastroenterologist, started the Colon  
4 Cancer Prevention Project in 2003 after diagnosing several patients with colorectal  
5 cancer; and

6           WHEREAS, for over 20 years the project has worked to end preventable colorectal  
7 cancer deaths and suffering in Kentucky by increasing effective screenings; and

8           WHEREAS, each year an average of 650 fewer Kentuckians are diagnosed with  
9 colorectal cancer and 275 fewer Kentuckians die from colorectal cancer due to these  
10 efforts; and

11           WHEREAS, Dr. Jones and the Colon Cancer Prevention Project have saved  
12 numerous lives in Kentucky through advocacy, education, health system improvement,  
13 and survivor support; and

14           WHEREAS, the General Assembly and citizens of Kentucky are immensely  
15 grateful for the dedicated efforts and commitment of the Colon Cancer Prevention  
16 Project; and

17           WHEREAS, colorectal cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer related  
18 deaths in men and women in Kentucky, and Kentucky currently ranks among the highest  
19 in the nation in colorectal cancer mortality; and

20           WHEREAS, by 2030, colorectal cancer is projected to be the leading cause of  
21 cancer deaths in 20 to 49 year olds; and

22           WHEREAS, Kentucky continues to have the highest incidence of colorectal cancer  
23 in the United States; and

24           WHEREAS, Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month is observed in March to highlight  
25 the importance of screening for colorectal cancer, as well as to promote healthy lifestyle  
26 habits that can decrease a person's risk of developing colorectal cancer;

27           NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
2 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3       ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby honors Dr. Whitney Jones and  
4 the exceptional work of the Colon Cancer Prevention Project in saving lives in Kentucky  
5 and encourages continued support for efforts to eliminate deaths from colorectal cancer.

6       ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives hereby designates March 2024 as  
7 Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Kentucky.

8       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
9 copy of this Resolution to Representative Amy Neighbors.