

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the Kentucky Colon Cancer Screening Program and
2 recognizing March 5, 2021, as Dress in Blue Day.

3 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Colon Cancer Screening Program is one of the
4 Commonwealth's most successful public health programs; and

5 WHEREAS, Kentucky's overall colorectal screening rate has now improved more
6 than any other state's in the country; and

7 WHEREAS, in partnership with the Kentucky General Assembly, screening rates
8 have risen from 34.7 percent to 70.1 percent, improving more than any other state and
9 moving Kentucky's ranking from 49th to 17th; and

10 WHEREAS, as screening rates have risen by 50 percent, colorectal cancer incidence
11 rates and mortality rates have declined. The decrease in incidence means that every year,
12 30 percent fewer Kentuckians are diagnosed with colon cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Colon Cancer Screening Program, and the collective
14 efforts of multiple partners working together, is proving to be life-saving for Kentuckians;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, 2021 marks the 13th annual Dress in Blue Day, and this body honors
17 those volunteers, advocates, and survivors who have worked so diligently to make this
18 year's Dress in Blue Day a success;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
21 ***Kentucky:***

22 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors the Kentucky Colon Cancer Screening
23 Program.

24 ➔Section 2. The Senate hereby recognizes March 5, 2021, as Dress in Blue Day.

25 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
26 Resolution to Senator Ralph Alvarado.