

1 WHEREAS, screening guidelines recommend colorectal examinations starting at an
2 earlier age if there is a family history or symptoms of colorectal cancer are experienced; and

3 WHEREAS, less than thirty percent of those for whom colorectal screening
4 examinations are recommended are scheduling such diagnostic examinations; and

5 WHEREAS, colorectal specialists provide state-of-the-art surgical treatment for
6 colorectal cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, colorectal specialists work in conjunction with oncologists, radiologists,
8 and other medical professionals to provide the most appropriate and beneficial medical
9 treatment, resulting in optimal medical outcomes for colorectal cancer patients.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11 recognize the lifesaving benefits of routine colorectal screening examinations and lifesaving
12 efforts by colorectal specialists.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge
14 Louisianians to recognize the lifesaving benefits of routine colorectal screening
15 examinations and to schedule colorectal screening examinations as deemed appropriate by
16 their physicians.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana further recognizes
18 the critical role of colorectal specialists, oncologists, and radiologists in providing the
19 optimal medical outcomes for colorectal cancer patients in Louisiana.

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Requests that the citizens of La. recognize the lifesaving benefits of routine colorectal screening examinations and schedule such examinations as deemed appropriate by their physicians.