

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY SENATORS FOIL, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, CORTEZ, FESI, FIELDS, HARRIS, HENSGENS, HEWITT, JACKSON, JOHNS, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, PEACOCK, POPE, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, TALBOT, WARD AND WOMACK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate March 2020 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Louisiana and to commend Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center on the achievement of the National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer (NAPRC).

WHEREAS, in 2020, it is estimated that 104,610 individuals in the United States will be diagnosed with colon cancer and another 43,340 will be diagnosed with rectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths in men and women combined in the United States with an expected 53,200 deaths in 2020; and

WHEREAS, there are now more than one million survivors of colorectal cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, while there is no sure way to prevent colorectal cancer, there are numerous things an individual can do to reduce their risk; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer screening is the most impactful way to reduce an individual's risk of colorectal cancer as well as maintaining a healthy weight, increasing the amount of physical activity, limiting intake of red and processed meats, and eating more fruits and vegetables may also lower an individual's risk; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and educational campaigns on colorectal cancer prevention, screening, and symptoms are held during the month of March each year; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Commission on Cancer National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer is to ensure patients with rectal cancer receive appropriate care using a multidisciplinary approach with a team of specialists reviewing every patient's care; and

WHEREAS, there are currently only fifteen such programs in the United States and Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center is the only cancer center in the state of Louisiana to achieve this prestigious accreditation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate March 2020 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Louisiana and does hereby commend Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center on the achievement of the National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer (NAPRC).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the leadership of the Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES