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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MARCH AS "COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Messier, Shekarchi, Kennedy, Marshall, and Fellela

Date Introduced: March 14, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society encourages the State of Rhode Island and
2 Providence Plantations to observe March, 2018 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month;" and

3 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among men
4 and women combined in Rhode Island as well as in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, An estimated 480 people in Rhode Island were diagnosed with colorectal
6 cancer last year and an estimated 170 people in Rhode Island died from this disease in 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, When colorectal cancer is found early, it has a survival rate of 80-95
8 percent, but left undetected, survival rates for colorectal cancer can plummet to 10 percent; and

9 WHEREAS, There are often no symptoms of colorectal cancer, but regular screenings
10 can significantly reduce the number of deaths from this disease by detecting cancerous or pre-
11 cancerous conditions early, when treatment is most effective; and

12 WHEREAS, Education can help inform the public of methods of early detection and
13 prevention. Colorectal cancer is largely preventable with screening tests that find and remove pre-
14 cancerous polyps; and

15 WHEREAS, Working with the legislature, the American Cancer Society remains
16 committed and dedicated to informing the public about colorectal cancer prevention and
17 screening; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
19 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims the month of March as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness

1 Month" in Rhode Island; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
3 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the American Cancer Society, and Dr. Samir
4 Shah, Secretary, American College of Gastroenterology.

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