

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1845

A RESOLUTION observing the month of March as National Colon Cancer Awareness Month and recognizing the need for all adult Kansans age 50 and older to undergo preventive colorectal cancer screening to detect colon cancer early when it is most curable.

WHEREAS, Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States with at least 500 Kansans expected to die of colon cancer this year; and

WHEREAS, If detected early, the colon cancer survival rate is greater than 90% as compared to the survival rate of only 10% for those whose colon cancer is detected in its advanced stages; and

WHEREAS, Most deaths are preventable when precancerous growths can be detected through preventive screenings and be removed without invasive surgery before they become cancerous; and

WHEREAS, Greater public awareness of the need to begin preventive screening at age 50 at intervals suggested by the American Cancer Society will lead to early detection that saves lives; and

WHEREAS, Many insurance companies are to be commended for providing coverage for this important preventive colorectal screening; and

WHEREAS, Other insurance companies are encouraged to also provide this important preventive screening coverage to further increase the use of screening and the survival rate: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we proudly join with others in observing the month of March as National Colon Cancer Awareness Month and urge all adult Kansans age 50 and older to undergo preventive colorectal cancer screening to detect colon cancer early when it is most curable.

Senate Resolution No. 1845 was sponsored by Senators Jim Barnett and Roger Reitz.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*