



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 98

February 18, 2014 – Introduced by Representatives KAHL, MILROY, PASCH, BERNARD SCHABER, TITTL, CZAJA, SARGENT, HINTZ, BERCEAU, RINGHAND, JORGENSEN, BIES, WRIGHT, BALLWEG, A. OTT, WACHS, SINICKI, OHNSTAD, KAUFERT, BROOKS and PRIDEMORE, cosponsored by Senators DARLING, WIRCH, L. TAYLOR, LASSA, LEHMAN, RISSER, T. CULLEN and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming March 2014 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

2 Whereas, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths
3 in the United States; and

4 Whereas, the risk of developing colorectal cancer increases with advancing age,
5 with more than 90 percent of cases occurring in people aged 50 years or older; and

6 Whereas, colorectal cancer screening saves lives; and

7 Whereas, it is estimated that as many as 60 percent of colorectal cancer deaths
8 could be prevented if all men and women aged 50 years or older were screened
9 routinely; and

10 Whereas, colorectal screening tests also can diagnose early colorectal cancer
11 and polyps; and

12 Whereas, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends
13 screening for colorectal cancer for all people aged 50 years or older until they reach
14 75 years old and for some people when they are older than 75; and

1 Whereas, the following screening tests are recommended by the USPSTF and
2 the American Cancer Society: a colonoscopy once every ten years, a virtual
3 colonoscopy once every five years, a high-sensitivity fecal occult blood test annually,
4 and a flexible sigmoidoscopy once every five years; and

5 Whereas, the good health and well-being of the residents of the state of
6 Wisconsin are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about colorectal
7 cancer and screening options; now, therefore, be it

8 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature
9 proclaims March 2014 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and encourages
10 enhanced awareness of and increased screening for colorectal cancer in Wisconsin.

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(END)