

2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20

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

2 Whereas, the American Cancer Society reports that colon and rectum cancer is
3 the 3rd–most–common cancer among men and women and the 2nd–leading cause of
4 cancer death in the United States; and

5 Whereas, this year there will be 147,500 new cases of colon and rectum cancer
6 and 57,100 deaths from colon and rectum cancer in the United States and more than
7 2,900 new cases of colon and rectum cancer and 1,100 deaths from colon and rectum
8 cancer in Wisconsin; and

9 Whereas, in Wisconsin, African–Americans have higher colorectal cancer
10 incidence and mortality rates and thus should be especially vigilant in informing
11 themselves of their risks and need for screening; and

12 Whereas, the American Cancer Society recommends that beginning at age 50
13 both men and women should follow one of these 5 screening options: yearly fecal
14 occult blood test; sigmoidoscopy every 5 years; yearly fecal occult blood test plus

