

State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 130

March 9, 2012 – Introduced by Representatives Roys, Milroy, Jorgensen, Turner, Bewley, Toles, Ringhand, Hintz, Bernard Schaber, Clark, Staskunas, Berceau, Molepske Jr, Ripp, Sinicki, Pocan, Spanbauer, C. Taylor and Pope-Roberts, cosponsored by Senators Taylor, Hansen, Wirch, S. Coggs, Holperin, Galloway and Risser. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: proclaiming March 2012 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 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 until they reach 75 years old and for
14	some people when they are older than 75; and

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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

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8 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the legislature 9 proclaims March 2012 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and encourages 10 enhanced awareness of and increased screening for colorectal cancer in Wisconsin.

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