House Joint Resolution 34

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SUMMARY

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer found in men and women in this

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3	county; and
4	Whereas more than 145,000 Americans will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and more than
5	55,000 Americans will die from colorectal cancer this year; and
6	Whereas in Oregon nearly 1,900 people will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and 700 will
7	die in the next year from the disease; and
8	Whereas colorectal cancer affects people regardless of their age, race or sex; and
9	Whereas men have a slightly higher rate of colorectal cancer than women; and
10	Whereas African-Americans have a higher rate of colorectal cancer incidence and death than
11	Caucasians; and
12	Whereas colorectal cancer is one of the most detectable and, if found early, most treatable forms
13	of cancer; and
14	Whereas the five-year survival rate is 90 percent when colorectal cancer is diagnosed at the
15	localized stage, but the survival rate is only 10 percent when colorectal cancer is not diagnosed
16	until the distant stage; and
17	Whereas screening and early detection saves lives; and
18	Whereas many incidences of colorectal cancer, and deaths resulting from colorectal cancer,
19	could be prevented if more people took advantage of colorectal cancer screening; and
20	Whereas colorectal cancer can be prevented through early identification and removal of
21	precancerous polyps, detectable only through screening; and
22	Whereas early detection is the key to survival against colorectal cancer and more than half of
23	all colorectal cancers can be prevented by early screening; and
24	Whereas 9 out of 10 colorectal cancer cases are diagnosed in people over the age of 50, yet less
25	than half of all Oregonians age 50 or older have had a recommended colorectal cancer screening in
26	the past five years; and
27	Whereas in comparison 70 percent of female Oregonians have had mammograms; and
28	Whereas many factors contribute to the low screening rate for colorectal cancer, such as lack
29	of public education and awareness about prevention and screening, negative attitudes about
30	screening procedures and the absence of symptoms; now, therefore,
31	Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

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ĺ	That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, join in designation of the
2	month of March in each year as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and highly encourage all
3	Oregonians to get the appropriate screenings to prevent colorectal cancer; and be it further
1	Resolved, That we express our gratitude to the families and caretakers of all colorectal cancer
5	patients in Oregon; and be it further
3	Resolved. That we honor those Oregonians we have lost to colorectal cancer, desire to provide

hope to those who are fighting against this disease and celebrate the survivors of colorectal cancer.