

1           A RESOLUTION designating the first week of December 2018 as Cancer Screen  
2 Week, identifying the burden of cancer in the United States and in Kentucky, and urging  
3 citizens to talk with their healthcare providers about appropriate screenings for prevention  
4 and early detection of cancer.

5           WHEREAS, in 2017, the American Cancer Society estimates that more than  
6 600,000 people lost their lives to cancer in the United States; and

7           WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that 10,400 people in  
8 Kentucky died from cancer in 2017; and

9           WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute estimates up to 210,000 deaths in the  
10 United States could be avoided with early and appropriate cancer screening; and

11           WHEREAS, the cancer death rate dropped 25 percent between 1991 and 2014  
12 because of reductions in smoking and advances in early detection and treatment; and

13           WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, the five-year relative  
14 survival rate for cancers found at the local stage are about 55 percent of lung cancers, 90  
15 percent of colon and rectum cancers, 91 percent of cervical cancers, 99 percent of breast  
16 cancer, and 98 percent of skin cancers; and

17           WHEREAS, many of these cancers are often preventable, and early detection and  
18 treatment are critical as cancer does not always cause symptoms, and many occur in  
19 people with no family history; and

20           WHEREAS, specific cancer types disproportionately affect different populations;  
21 for example, breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among African-American  
22 women, prostate cancer rates in African-American men are double those of other men,  
23 and cervical cancer is more prevalent among Hispanic and African-American women;  
24 and

25           WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
26 rates of screening for many cancer types in recommended populations remain  
27 substantially below Healthy People 2020 targets; and

1           WHEREAS, it is critical to reinforce the need for people to discuss their individual  
2 risk factors for cancer with their healthcare providers and understand the  
3 recommendations for, and benefits of, cancer screening;

4           NOW, THEREFORE,

5 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
6 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

7           ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives designates the first week of December  
8 2018 as Cancer Screening Week.

9           ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives encourages all citizens of Kentucky to  
10 talk to their healthcare providers about their risk factors for all cancer types, including but  
11 not limited to breast, cervical, colon, lung, prostate, and skin cancers and the  
12 recommended screening options.

13           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
14 copy of this Resolution to Representative Addia Wuchner for delivery.