

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 Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
6 *Kentucky:*

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

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

13 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
14 Resolution to Sen. Julie Raque Adams for delivery.