

1           A RESOLUTION honoring the Colon Cancer Prevention Project on the celebration  
2 of its 20-year anniversary and designating March 2023 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness  
3 Month in Kentucky.

4           WHEREAS, the Colon Cancer Prevention Project is celebrating 20 years of  
5 prevention in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

6           WHEREAS, Dr. Whitney Jones, a Louisville gastroenterologist, started the Colon  
7 Cancer Prevention Project in 2003 after diagnosing several patients with colorectal  
8 cancer; and

9           WHEREAS, for 20 years the project has worked to end preventable colorectal  
10 cancer death and suffering in Kentucky by increasing effective screenings; and

11           WHEREAS, each year 650 fewer Kentuckians are diagnosed with colorectal cancer  
12 and 275 fewer Kentuckians die from colorectal cancer; and

13           WHEREAS, Dr. Jones and the Colon Cancer Prevention Project have saved  
14 numerous lives in Kentucky through advocacy, education, health system improvement,  
15 and survivor support; and

16           WHEREAS, the General Assembly and citizens of Kentucky are immensely  
17 grateful for the dedicated efforts and commitment of the Colon Cancer Prevention  
18 Project; and

19           WHEREAS, colorectal cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer related  
20 deaths in men and women in Kentucky, and Kentucky currently ranks among the highest  
21 in the nation in colorectal cancer mortality; and

22           WHEREAS, by 2030, colorectal cancer is projected to be the leading cause of  
23 cancer deaths in 20 to 49 year olds; and

24           WHEREAS, Kentucky continues to have the highest incidence of colorectal cancer  
25 in the United States; and

26           WHEREAS, Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month is observed in March to highlight  
27 the importance of screening for colorectal cancer, as well as to promote healthy lifestyle

1 habits that can decrease a person's risk of developing colorectal cancer;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

3 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
4 *Kentucky:*

5 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors Dr. Whitney Jones and the exceptional  
6 work of the Colon Cancer Prevention Project in saving lives in Kentucky on its 20-year  
7 anniversary and encourages continued support for efforts to eliminate deaths from  
8 colorectal cancer.

9 ➔Section 2. The Senate hereby designates March 2023 as Colorectal Cancer  
10 Awareness Month in Kentucky.

11 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
12 Resolution to Senator Stephen Meredith.