

1 A RESOLUTION designating March 2026 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
2 in Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Scott Farnsworth, the board chair of the Colon Cancer Prevention
4 Project, is a colorectal cancer survivor; and

5 WHEREAS, for over 22 years the project has worked to end preventable colorectal
6 cancer deaths and suffering in Kentucky by increasing effective screenings; and

7 WHEREAS, each year an average of 650 fewer Kentuckians are diagnosed with
8 colorectal cancer and 275 fewer Kentuckians die from colorectal cancer due to these
9 efforts; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Farnsworth and the Colon Cancer Prevention Project are saving
11 numerous lives in Kentucky through advocacy, education, health system improvement,
12 and survivor support; and

13 WHEREAS, the General Assembly and citizens of Kentucky are immensely
14 grateful for the dedicated efforts and commitment of the Colon Cancer Prevention
15 Project; and

16 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer-related
17 deaths in men and women in Kentucky, and Kentucky currently ranks among the highest
18 in the nation in colorectal cancer mortality; and

19 WHEREAS, by 2030, colorectal cancer is projected to be the leading cause of
20 cancer deaths for persons 20 to 49 years old; and

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

23 WHEREAS, Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month is observed in March to highlight
24 the importance of screening for colorectal cancer, as well as to promote healthy lifestyle
25 habits that can decrease a person's risk of developing colorectal cancer;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

27 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*

1 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

2 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby honors Dr. Scott Farnsworth
3 and the exceptional work of the Colon Cancer Prevention Project in saving lives in
4 Kentucky and encourages continued support for efforts to eliminate deaths from
5 colorectal cancer.

6 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives hereby designates March 2026 as
7 Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Kentucky.

8 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
9 copy of this Resolution to Representative Amy Neighbors.