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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

## BY SENATORS CLAITOR, ALLAIN, BUFFINGTON, GUILLORY, HEITMEIER AND NEVERS

HEALTH CARE. Expresses the sense of the Louisiana Legislature on the need for colorectal cancer screening examinations.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request that the citizens of Louisiana recognize the life-saving benefits of
3	routine colorectal screening examinations and schedule such examinations as
4	deemed appropriate by their physicians.
5	WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer occurring in the
6	United States, with over one hundred forty thousand new patients diagnosed in the single
7	year of 2012; and
8	WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second most common cause of cancer deaths,
9	with over fifty thousand patients dying in 2012; and
10	WHEREAS, the lifetime risk of developing colorectal cancer is one in twenty; and
11	WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of colorectal cancer cases is preventable
12	with routine screening examinations; and
13	WHEREAS, current screening guidelines recommend that all those persons aged
14	fifty and older obtain routine screening examinations, generally once every ten years; and
15	WHEREAS, screening guidelines recommend colorectal examinations starting at an
16	earlier age if there is a family history of colorectal cancer or symptoms of colorectal cancer
17	are experienced; and
18	WHEREAS, less than thirty percent of those for whom colorectal screening

1	examinations are recommended are scheduling such diagnostic examinations; and
2	WHEREAS, colorectal specialists, primarily gastroenterologists, consult with
3	surgeons to provide state-of-the-art, evidence-based appropriate surgical treatment for
4	colorectal cancer; and
5	WHEREAS, colorectal specialists work in conjunction with oncologists, radiologists,
6	and other medical professionals to provide the most appropriate and beneficial medical
7	treatment, resulting in optimal medical outcomes for colorectal cancer patients.
8	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9	recognize the life-saving benefits of routine colorectal screening examinations.
10	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge
11	Louisianians to recognize the life-saving benefits of routine colorectal screening
12	examinations and to schedule colorectal screening examinations as deemed appropriate by
13	their physicians.
14	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana further recognizes
15	the critical role of medical specialists, especially those of gastroenterologists, oncologists,
16	and radiologists, in providing the optimal medical outcomes for colorectal cancer patients
17	in Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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DIGEST

SCR No. 15

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