

By: Senator(s) McMahan, Butler (38th),  
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 535

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MARCH 2023 AS "COLORECTAL  
2 CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN MISSISSIPPI".

3 WHEREAS, Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month is observed in  
4 March to highlight the importance of screening for colorectal  
5 cancer, as well as to promote healthy lifestyle habits that can  
6 decrease a person's risk of developing the three distinct cancer  
7 types referred to collectively as colon cancer; and

8 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in  
9 the United States and the second leading cause of death from  
10 cancers that affect both men and women. Colorectal cancer affects  
11 people in all racial and ethnic groups and is most common in  
12 people age 50 and older; and

13 WHEREAS, the International Agency for Research on Cancer  
14 (IARC) estimates that the global burden of colorectal cancer will  
15 increase by 56% between 2020 and 2040, to more than three million  
16 new cases per year. The estimated increase in the number of  
17 deaths from the disease is even larger by 69%; and



18           WHEREAS, Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in March is a  
19 great time to spread the word about the importance of getting  
20 screened for colorectal cancer:

21           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
22 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
23 we do hereby designate March 2023 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness  
24 Month in Mississippi", and encourage the State Board of Health to  
25 disseminate public information regarding the danger of this  
26 disease and the importance of screening.

27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to  
28 the State Board of Health for appropriate publication and made  
29 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

