

1 A RESOLUTION declaring March 2022 as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness
2 Month and recognizing March 4, 2022, as Dress in Blue Day.

3 WHEREAS, the Colon Cancer Screening and Prevention Program is one of the
4 Commonwealth's most successful public health programs; and

5 WHEREAS, in partnership with the Kentucky General Assembly, screening rates
6 have risen from 34.7 percent to 69.8 percent, improving more than any other state and
7 moving Kentucky's ranking from 49th to 20th; and

8 WHEREAS, as screening rates have more than doubled, colorectal cancer incidence
9 rates and mortality rates have declined. This decrease in incidence means that every year,
10 30 percent fewer Kentuckians are diagnosed with colon cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, the Colon Cancer Screening and Prevention Program, and the
12 collective efforts of multiple partners working together, are proving to be life-saving for
13 Kentuckians; and

14 WHEREAS, the Colorectal Cancer Alliance recognizes March as National
15 Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month to spread awareness of this disease and the
16 importance of screening; and

17 WHEREAS, Dress in Blue Day was launched in 2009 to bring awareness and
18 national attention to colon cancer and honor those impacted by colorectal cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 14th annual Dress in Blue Day. This body honors
20 those volunteers, advocates, and survivors who have worked so diligently to make this
21 year's Dress in Blue Day a success;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

23 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
24 ***Kentucky:***

25 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors the Kentucky Colon Cancer Screening and
26 Prevention Program.

27 ➔Section 2. The Senate hereby recognizes the month of March 2022 as National

- 1 Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and recognizes March 4, 2022, as Dress in Blue
- 2 Day.
- 3 ➡Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
- 4 Resolution to Senator Ralph Alvarado.