

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 46

By: Leftwich of the Senate

and

5 Denney of the House
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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing March 2010 as
10 "National Colon Cancer Awareness Month" in the State
of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

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13 WHEREAS, colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer
14 death among men and women in Oklahoma and the United States. Colon
15 cancer is the third most common cancer in Oklahoma. It is estimated
16 that in 2009 physicians diagnosed almost 147,000 new cases of colon
17 cancer in the United States. The disease is suspected to have
18 killed almost 50,000 individuals in the United States in 2009; and

19 WHEREAS, if everyone 50 years of age or older would have regular
20 colon cancer screening tests, at least one-third of colon cancer
21 deaths could be prevented each year because of early detection and
22 treatment. Only half of people aged 50 and older, when screening is
23 recommended, have received the recommended tests; and
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1 WHEREAS, regular screening tests detect colon polyps before they
2 become cancerous, saving lives. When detected early, colon cancer
3 is often preventable and can be successfully treated more than 90%
4 of the time; and

5 WHEREAS, state governments have a leadership role to play in
6 fighting colon cancer through public education and improved
7 awareness of early detection through screening.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
9 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 CONCURRING THEREIN:

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes March 2010 as
12 "National Colon Cancer Awareness Month" in the State of Oklahoma.

13 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma
14 Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

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