

1 WHEREAS, current screening guidelines recommend that all those persons aged
2 fifty and older obtain routine screening examinations; and

3 WHEREAS, screening guidelines recommend colorectal examinations starting at an
4 earlier age if there is a family history or symptoms of colorectal cancer are experienced; and

5 WHEREAS, less than thirty percent of those for whom colorectal screening
6 examinations are recommended are scheduling such diagnostic examinations; and

7 WHEREAS, colorectal specialists provide state-of-the-art surgical treatment for
8 colorectal cancer; and

9 WHEREAS, colorectal specialists work in conjunction with oncologists, radiologists,
10 and other medical professionals to provide the most appropriate and beneficial medical
11 treatment, resulting in optimal medical outcomes for colorectal cancer patients.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 recognize the lifesaving benefits of routine colorectal screening examinations and lifesaving
14 efforts by colorectal specialists.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge
16 Louisianians to recognize the lifesaving benefits of routine colorectal screening
17 examinations and to schedule colorectal screening examinations as deemed appropriate by
18 their physicians.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana further recognizes
20 the critical role of colorectal specialists, oncologists, and radiologists in providing the
21 optimal medical outcomes for colorectal cancer patients in Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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Requests that the citizens of La. recognize the lifesaving benefits of routine colorectal
screening examinations and schedule such examinations as deemed appropriate by their
physicians.