

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCKNIGHT

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Monday, March 21, 2022, as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, cancer is ranked as the second highest cause of death; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, there will be 28,680 new cancer cases and nearly 10,000 deaths in Louisiana, according to estimates; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, the mortality rate from cancer is well above the national average, and one of the reasons colorectal cancer has such a high mortality rate is that an estimated forty percent of all at-risk individuals have never been screened; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is a highly preventable, treatable, and survivable form of cancer, especially when it is diagnosed early; and

WHEREAS, screening for colorectal cancer should happen for everyone between the ages of 45 and 75; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health, along with the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, has set a goal of increasing screenings by two percentage points in 2022, to reduce colorectal cancer rates through education and outreach, and to make screenings more accessible for at-risk individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana state capitol will serve as the official kick-off location for this effort.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Monday, March 21, 2022, as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center and to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES