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THIRD READING

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Bill No: SCR 179  
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**SUBJECT:** Celiac Disease Awareness Month

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution recognizes May 2026 as Celiac Disease Awareness Month.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Celiac disease is an autoimmune disorder that results in damage to the lining of the small intestine when a person eats foods with gluten.
- 2) An estimated 2.5 million Americans who have celiac disease remain undiagnosed and at risk for long-term health complications.
- 3) Common symptoms of celiac disease include severe abdominal pain, severe skin rash called dermatitis herpetiformis, iron deficiency anemia, musculoskeletal problems, muscle cramps, seizures, tingling sensation in the legs, and depression.
- 4) Gluten-free restaurants, gluten-free menus, and the education of food handlers regarding celiac disease have given people living with celiac disease safer options for dining out.
- 5) Progress has been made in recent years to educate people about celiac disease and identify ways to improve their quality of life.

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**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 5/26/26)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 5/26/26)

None received

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