

Date of Hearing: April 21, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Blanca Pacheco, Chair

SCR 29 (McNerney) – As Introduced February 25, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Designates the month of March 2025 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in California to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined. It is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening, but one in three eligible Americans are not up to date on screening.
- 2) American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Black Americans are more likely to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and more likely to die from the disease than other groups.
- 3) Colorectal cancer is expected to account for 12 percent of cancer deaths among Hispanic men and 9 percent of cancer deaths among Hispanic women.
- 4) In 2024, there were approximately 152,810 new cases of, and 53,010 deaths from, colorectal cancer.
- 5) The national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is to strive to increase timely colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent in every community for all Americans eligible for screening.
- 6) Observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March provides a special opportunity to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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