

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6030

A RESOLUTION promoting public awareness of the risk of colon cancer, recognizing March as Colon Cancer Awareness Month and commending the Kansas Association of Health Plans, the American Cancer Society and the Kansas Insurance Commissioner for their efforts to fight this disease through encouraging regular colon cancer screenings.

WHEREAS, The month of March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Colon cancer is the third leading cause of cancer deaths in American; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that there will be 1,300 new colon cancer cases and 510 deaths in Kansas this year from this deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, Colon cancer is preventable when polyps are found and removed prior to becoming cancerous; and

WHEREAS, Colon cancer is also highly treatable when found in its early stages; and

WHEREAS, One half of the colon cancer deaths each year could be prevented if persons age 50 and older were screened according to the American Society guidelines; and

WHEREAS, All of the members of the Kansas Association of Health Plans: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City, Children's Mercy Family Health Partners, Coventry Health Care of Kansas, Preferred Health Systems, Unicare, and UnitedHealthcare, provide insurance coverage for preventative colon screening according to American Cancer Society guidelines: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we promote public awareness of the risk of colon cancer, recognize March as Colon Cancer Awareness Month and that we commend the Kansas Association of Health Plans, the American Cancer Society and the Kansas Insurance Commissioner for their joint effort to save lives by encouraging all Kansans to fight colon cancer through the use of lifesaving preventative colon cancer screenings.

House Resolution No. 6030 was sponsored by Representatives Kay Wolf and Lisa Benlon.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*