

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 108

Designating the month of March each year as “National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 26, 1999

Mr. BREAUX (for himself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MACK, and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States;

Whereas it is estimated that in 1999, physicians will diagnose 129,400 new cases of colorectal cancer in the United States;

Whereas in 1999, the disease is expected to kill 56,600 individuals in this country;

Whereas less than 50 percent of individuals above age 50 receive annual screenings for colorectal cancer;

Whereas adopting a healthy diet at a young age can significantly reduce the risk of developing colorectal cancer;

Whereas March is also designated as National Nutrition Awareness Month and the prevention of colorectal cancer is highly dependent on dietary factors;

Whereas regular screenings can save large numbers of lives; and

Whereas education can help inform the public of methods of prevention and symptoms of early detection: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL COLORECTAL**  
 3                               **CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.**

4       The Senate—

5               (1) designates March of each year as “National  
 6       Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month”; and

7               (2) requests that the President issue a procla-  
 8       mation calling upon the people of the United States  
 9       to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies  
 10      and activities.

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