

Summary for A Resolution Recognizing March as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month being considered in March 2021

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This **Resolution Recognizing March as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month** is a national resolution seeking to expand and grow two efforts in the Pennsylvania legislature. The Pennsylvania efforts recognize March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and the Blue Lights Campaign.

Regarding the Blue Lights Campaign, participating places and buildings in Philadelphia have included PECO, Two Liberty Place, the FMC Tower, the Cira Centre, the Lit Brothers building, the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, the Franklin Institute, Lincoln Financial Field and Boathouse Row. The State Capitol Building in Harrisburg and courthouses and county buildings across the Commonwealth have also been lit up in blue as part of the campaign each March. The State Capitol Building in Harrisburg will be lit up in blue for the month of March in 2021.

This effort has been worked on for eight years by Pennsylvania Dr. Marianne Ritchie, a gastroenterologist with Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. It is her hope that if people are surrounded by the blue lights, they will feel the urgency of the message to talk to their health care provider about and get screened for colorectal cancer, whether it is through a colonoscopy or another physician-recommended method.

Through this resolution, we seek the support of NLGA Members to join in efforts to promote colorectal cancer awareness nationally.

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