



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

### 1 **Resolution Recognizing March as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month**

2 **WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer (colon cancer) is the second leading cause of death from cancer in the United  
3 States, but colon cancer is also one of the most preventable and treatable cancers—when caught early, and

4 **WHEREAS**, 1 in 20 Americans will be diagnosed with colon cancer in their lifetime, and

5 **WHEREAS**, individuals have a powerful defense against this disease by getting screened to detect cancer or  
6 precancerous growths in the colon or rectum (known as polyps), but one in three Americans of appropriate  
7 age do not get the simple test every year, and

8 **WHEREAS**, screenings generally begin at age 50, but some health agencies recommend screenings as early  
9 as 45 years old, and continue until at regular intervals until age 75, and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 2000, March was declared National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and

11 **WHEREAS**, during March, participants generate widespread awareness about colorectal cancer by wearing  
12 blue, holding events, and talking to family and friends about screening and more, and

13 **WHEREAS**, colon cancer awareness B.L.U.E. is more than a color, it is a call to action to Americans to: **Be**  
14 screened, and encourage your loved ones to do the same, **Live** a healthy lifestyle, exercise, eat a balanced  
15 diet, and avoid tobacco and alcohol in excess, **Understand** the facts about colon cancer, and **Engage** others,  
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, under the leadership of a local doctor, Pennsylvania has grown this effort over eight years with  
18 the Blue Lights Campaign through which businesses and governments light many of the city's most well-  
19 known buildings and structures in blue for one week in March, and the state capitol is also lit in blue.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA)  
21 recognizes the month of March as "National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month."

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NLGA promotes colon cancer awareness through the color and call to  
23 action of B.L.U.E. and the consideration in other parts of the nation and among state capitols of adoption of  
24 the Blue Lights Campaign.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NLGA encourages Americans to take the necessary steps to get  
26 screened and promote prevention and early detection of this disease.



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ADOPTED, this day, the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021.

Sponsors: Lt. Governor John Fetterman (D – Pennsylvania), Lt. Governor Tim Griffin (R – Arkansas), Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera (D – Colorado)

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