

## 2017-K135

Assembly Resolution No. 135

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim  
March 2017, as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in  
the State of New York

WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer  
deaths in men and women, combined, in the United States; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that in the year 2017, over 135,430 new  
cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed in the United States; and

WHEREAS, In the year 2017, the disease is expected to kill an  
estimated 50,260 individuals in this country; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 8,490 men and women in the State of New York  
will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in the year 2017; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1999, the United States Senate passed  
legislation declaring March 2000 as the first-ever National Colorectal  
Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, The Colon Cancer Alliance, Inc. (CCA) will continue working  
with Congress for coverage, education, and awareness so that colorectal  
cancer is detected early and lives are saved; and

WHEREAS, Screening for colorectal cancer is underutilized; less than 50 percent of individuals above age 50 receive annual screenings for colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, Regular screenings, which can detect polyps that lead to colorectal cancer, can save lives; and

WHEREAS, Education can help inform the public about methods of prevention, and about symptoms, to aid in early detection; and

WHEREAS, Adopting a healthy diet at a young age can significantly reduce the risk of developing colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York should help inform the public about colorectal cancer prevention and screening; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2017, as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York; The Colon Cancer Alliance, Inc.; Yee L. Chin; and Cui Bo Chen.