

SR113, As Adopted by Senate, December 5, 2017

Senator Rocca offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 113.

A resolution recognizing December 3-9, 2017 as Cancer Screen Week.

Whereas, In 2017, the American Cancer Society estimates more than 600,000 people will lose their lives to cancer in the United States; and

Whereas, The American Cancer Society estimates that 21,050 people in Michigan will die from cancer in 2017; and

Whereas, The National Cancer Institute estimates up to 210,000 deaths in United States could be avoided with early and appropriate cancer screening; and

Whereas, The cancer death rate dropped 25 percent between 1991 and 2014 because of reductions in smoking and advances in early detection and treatment; and

Whereas, According to the American Cancer Society, the five-year relative survival rate for cancers found at the local stage are about: 55 percent of lung cancers; 90 percent of colon and rectum cancers; 91 percent of cervical cancers; and 99 percent of breast cancer; and 98 percent for melanoma cancers; and

Whereas, Many of these cancers are often preventable, and early detection and treatment are critical as cancer does not always cause symptoms, and many occur in people with no family history; and

Whereas, Specific cancer types disproportionately affect different populations. Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among black women; prostate cancer rates in black men are double those of other men, and the likelihood of developing colorectal cancer for Alaska Natives is about double that of other Americans; cervical cancer is more prevalent among Hispanic and African-American women; two out of three people diagnosed with lung cancer are 65 or older; and melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, is among the most common cancers in young adults; and

Whereas, According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, rates of screening for many cancer types in recommended populations remain substantially below Healthy People 2020 targets; and

Whereas, It is critical to reinforce the need for people to discuss their individual risk factors for cancer with their healthcare providers and understand the recommendations for, and benefits of, cancer screening; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That December 3-9, 2017, be recognized as Cancer Screen Week; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of this legislative body encourage the people of Michigan to visit cancerscreenweek.org for cancer screening resources and talk to their healthcare providers about their risk factors for all cancer types including, but not limited to, breast, cervical, colon, lung, prostate, and skin cancers and recommended screening options.