

## 2009-K1035

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim March 2010 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 2010, over 146,970 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed in the United States; and

WHEREAS, In the year 2010, the disease is expected to kill an estimated 49,920 individuals in this country; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 9,970 individuals in the State of New York were diagnosed with colorectal cancer in the year 2009; 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), located in New York, New York, 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 David A. Paterson to proclaim March 2010 as Colo-  
rectal Cancer Awareness Month in the State of New York; and be it  
further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-  
smitted to The Honorable David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New  
York; The Colon Cancer Alliance, Inc., 1200 G Street, NW Suite 800,  
Washington, DC 20005; Merab Krikhely, M.D., Beth Israel Medical Center,  
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