

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 1998 - 19 A

CLEARANCES	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned To
Orig. Dept.: County Council	2/25/98		2/24/98	Council
Division Head:				
Dept. Head:				
Prosecutor:				
Budget:				
Executive:				

SUBJECT:

Resolution declaring March as colo-rectal awareness month

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Related County Contract #:	Should the Clerk schedule a hearing? (Y/N N	Requested Date:
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RECOMMENDED MOTION (for final action):

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

2/24/98: Approved 7 -0. Res. #98-012

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):

R98-012

SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: Nelson

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2/24/98

RESOLUTION NO. 98-012

**PROCLAIMING MARCH 1998 AS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
IN WHATCOM COUNTY**

WHEREAS, in the past ten years the fourth most commonly diagnosed cancer in Whatcom County has been colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the fourth most common cancer resulting in death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, only 23 percent of Whatcom County cases are diagnosed before the tumor has spread beyond the local area (compared to a national figure of 37 percent); and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph Hospital Community Cancer Center wants to improve these statistics by detecting colorectal cancer at an earlier stage, thereby saving lives in Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, there is a simple, safe, and effective colorectal cancer home testing kit which has shown to reduce mortality by 20 to 40 percent, and which is available at no cost through participating pharmacies; and


WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council acknowledges this health risk and wishes to do its part to encourage its early detection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council designates March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; and

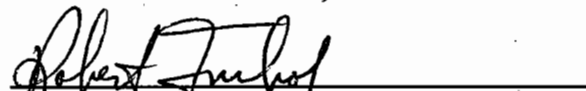
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Whatcom County residents 50 years of age and older are encouraged to take part in the 1998 Colorectal Cancer Screening program by obtaining a free home testing kit from a participating pharmacy.

APPROVED this 24 day of February, 1998.

ATTEST:


Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Robert Imhof, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Civil Deputy Prosecutor