

Resolution No. 322-2024

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

By Council Member Conwell

Recognizing that colorectal cancer is the second most common cause of cancer death in the United States and encouraging people to begin colon cancer screening at age 45 as recommended by the American Cancer Society.

WHEREAS, in 2023, the American Cancer Society estimated there would be 153,020 new cases of colorectal (colon) cancer (CRC) diagnosed in the US and that 52,550 people will die from the disease, including 19,550 diagnoses and 3,750 deaths in individuals younger than 50 years of age; and

WHEREAS, during 2015-2019, the CRC incidence rate in the US was 33% higher in men than in women; the CRC incidence in the US is highest in people who are Alaska Native (88.5 per 100,000), American Indian (46.0), or Black (41.7) versus White (35.7); racial and ethnic disparities are similar for mortality (35.9, 17.5, and 17.6 per 100,000, respectively, versus 13.1; and

WHEREAS, incidences of CRC have declined during the 2000s, mostly in people ages 65 and older; since 2011 rates have been stable in ages 50-64 years but have increased by 2% per year in people younger than 50 years of age, as well as in people ages 50-54 years; and

WHEREAS, these incidence trends are rapidly shifting the patient population younger: 20% (1 in 5) of CRCs in 2019 were in people 54 years or younger, up from 11% (1 in 10) in 1995; CRC death rates increased by 1% annually in people younger than 50 years of age and by 0.6% annually in people ages 50-54 since about 2005; and

WHEREAS, the five-year relative survival for CRC ranges from 60% in Black people to 65% in White people and 67% in Asian American and Pacific Islander people; CRC death rates declined during 2011-2020 by about 2% annually in White, Hispanic, Asian American and Pacific Islander, and Native American persons and by 3% annually in Black persons; and

WHEREAS, a large proportion of CRC incidence and mortality is preventable through regular screening, surveillance, and high-quality treatment, and since 2018 the American Cancer Society has recommended that CRC screening begin at age 45 and the US Preventive Services Task Force concurred in their 2021 update; according to the National Health Interview Survey, up-to-date CRC screening prevalence among adults ages 45 and older reached 59% in 2021; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council recognizes that colorectal cancer is the second most common cause of cancer death in the United States and encourages people to begin colon cancer screening at age 45 as recommended by the American Cancer Society.

Section 2. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

