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## *Message from Senator Brian Schatz*

Presented in Recognition of  
Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month  
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I wish to extend my support for Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in the State of Hawai'i. I commend the Colon Cancer Alliance and Fight Colorectal Cancer, on their mission to spread awareness about the impact of this disease here in Hawai'i and across the country.

Every year, thousands of people are afflicted with this disease, and many do not survive. While it is responsible for tens of thousands of deaths each year nationwide, colorectal cancer can be easily treated if not outright prevented.

In Hawai'i, about 700 people will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer this year, and about 230 will die of the disease. By declaring March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, we are hopeful that more and more people in Hawai'i will talk to their doctors about early detection and screening, which could lead to an increase in the rate of survivorship from colorectal cancer.

I applaud the Colon Cancer Alliance and Fight Colorectal Cancer for their unwavering commitment to advocate for awareness, diagnosis, and treatment of colorectal cancer.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Schatz". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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United States Senate