

2001 alPHa RESOLUTION NO. A01-11

TITLE: Colorectal Cancer Screening

SPONSOR: Regional Municipality of Durham

WHEREAS colorectal cancer is the leading cause of mortality in Ontario, ranking second as a cause of cancer deaths in 1998; and

WHEREAS there are protocols in place that reduce the number of false positives; and

WHEREAS Cancer Care Ontario's Expert Panel on Colorectal Cancer Screening recommended in its March 1999 report that an organized colorectal cancer screening program be established in Ontario; and

WHEREAS both Cancer Care Ontario and alPHa have endorsed the Expert Panel's recommendations; and

WHEREAS on January 11, 2001, Cancer Care Ontario submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care a proposal to establish a colorectal screening pilot project which incorporates all of the changes to earlier versions that were required by the Ministry;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) urges the Government of Ontario to approve and fund Cancer Care Ontario's Colorectal Cancer Screening Pilot Project so that the project can be implemented and evaluated as soon as possible and by so doing, lay the groundwork for the establishment of a future organized Ontario colorectal cancer screening program.

***Status of Resolution:* Endorsed by the alPHa membership June 12, 2001**