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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING "NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK" ON APRIL 21-27,
2024, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale,
Tanzi, Potter, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Voas, and Boylan

Date Introduced: April 23, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, According to the National Infertility Association, 1 in 6 people are impacted
2 by infertility globally; and

3 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization and American Medical Association define
4 infertility as a disease; and

5 WHEREAS, Infertility affects women and men equally and does not discriminate based
6 on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or socioeconomic level; and

7 WHEREAS, The LGBTQ community also faces challenges when building their families;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, All people challenged in their family building journey should have access to
10 all family building options; and

11 WHEREAS, Family building options include adoption and medical treatment, such as in
12 vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction; and

13 WHEREAS, Cost and lack of insurance coverage are barriers for many in our State to
14 access the family building option they need; and

15 WHEREAS, Raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by the family building
16 community is the first step to removing these barriers; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
18 joins RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association, and dedicated volunteers, health care
19 professionals, and members of the infertility and family building community in commemorating

1 and participating in "National Infertility Awareness Week" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it
2 further
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Rhode Island RESOLVE: The National
5 Infertility Association.

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