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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY OF 2024, TO BE "RHODE ISLAND PHARMACY ADVOCACY
MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, McGaw, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Craven,
Chippendale, Solomon, Baginski, Tanzi, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: May 14, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The health and well-being of Rhode Island residents are of paramount
2 importance to all individuals; and

3 WHEREAS, Pharmacists are the most accessible health care providers delivering critical
4 services to patients; and

5 WHEREAS, Pharmacists are well-positioned to ensure optimal medication therapy
6 outcomes, expand public health efforts, provide accessible and quality patient-centered care,
7 education, and advocacy to individuals across the State; and

8 WHEREAS, Pharmacists, technicians and student pharmacists, serve as integral members
9 of the healthcare team, working collaboratively with patients, caregivers, physicians, advanced
10 practitioners, nurses, and other healthcare providers to optimize medication therapy and improve
11 health outcomes; and

12 WHEREAS, Today, there are over 6,000 licensed pharmacy professionals providing care,
13 and serving as patient advocates for expanding access to safe and effective therapy to the patients
14 they serve; and

15 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Pharmacists Association have declared May as Rhode
16 Island Pharmacy Advocacy Month; and

17 WHEREAS, Pharmacy Advocacy Month provides an opportunity to recognize and
18 celebrate the contributions that pharmacy professionals make to the health and well-being of our
19 communities, while also raising awareness of the importance of pharmacy advocacy efforts in

1 shaping healthcare policy and advancing the pharmacy profession; and

2 WHEREAS, It is essential that Rhode Island supports and promotes the vital role of
3 pharmacy professionals in public health and healthcare delivery, and encourages greater
4 collaboration between pharmacists, policymakers, other healthcare providers, and stakeholders to
5 address healthcare challenges and improve patient care; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
7 proclaims May of 2024, to be "Pharmacy Advocacy Month" in the State of Rhode Island; and be
8 it further

9 RESOLVED, That this House hereby encourages all citizens, healthcare professionals,
10 organizations, and institutions to recognize and participate in activities and events that promote
11 pharmacy advocacy, raise awareness of the importance of pharmacists in healthcare, and support
12 the goals and objectives of Pharmacy Advocacy Month; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Pharmacists Association and
15 the Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy.

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