WHEREAS, A cancer diagnosis and the resulting need for chemotherapy is a highly stressful situation for anyone going through this process, particularly children and their families, and adults dependent on their caregivers, who are often close family members; and

WHEREAS, To ensure that patients are not exposed to Covid-19 while undergoing chemotherapy, yet are still being assisted by their loved ones during such a trying time, is of paramount importance; and

WHEREAS, The support of family members and loved ones is a vital component in an individual’s fight against cancer. Having the support of a parent or caregiver while undergoing chemotherapy provides immeasurable help and comfort to a patient in their time of need, and can assist the patient and medical staff in ensuring the best possible medical results and recovery process; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby respectfully requests the Department of Health to establish guidelines and protocols for administering the Covid-19 Vaccine to a maximum of two parents/legal guardians of children undergoing chemotherapy, and one caregiver of an adult undergoing chemotherapy in order to ensure the safety of the patient; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, and
Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH).