

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING "TURNER SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Miller, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, DiMario, Gu, Murray, Lauria, Raptakis, and Britto

Date Introduced: March 23, 2023

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Turner Syndrome is a rare, noninheritable chromosomal condition that
2 affects approximately 300 women in Rhode Island, with 1 in 2,000 female-affected births
3 occurring world-wide and over 1,000 baby girls born annually with the Syndrome; and

4 WHEREAS, Individuals with Turner Syndrome often have nonverbal learning
5 disabilities, early ovarian failure, hearing problems, and are short in stature, which can result in
6 reduced functional skills and job retention; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition, the risk for acute aortic dissection is increased by more than a
8 hundredfold in young and middle-aged women with Turner Syndrome, but with early diagnosis,
9 support services and the help of medical specialists, females with Turner Syndrome can live a
10 long and healthy life; and

11 WHEREAS, Growth hormones, estrogen supplements, occupational therapy, and early
12 monitoring of medical issues involving the heart, kidneys and thyroid, diabetes, hearing loss and
13 more, produces positive outcomes and essential quality of life benefits; and

14 WHEREAS, The signs of Turner Syndrome should be detected during a girl's first few
15 years of life for the best possible outcomes however, currently, the average age for diagnosis of
16 Turner Syndrome is between 7 and 17; and

17 WHEREAS, Greater awareness for this condition and its many complications will allow
18 health care providers to diagnose this condition much earlier and will allow for more research in
19 order to better treat the health issues affecting women with Turner Syndrome; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby commemorates
2 “Turner Syndrome Awareness Month” and urges the State’s citizens and medical professionals to
3 share experience and information to raise public awareness about Turner Syndrome; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Utpala Bandy, MD, MPH, Interim Director at
7 the Rhode Island Department of Health, the Turner Syndrome Foundation, and Ms. Nicole Topp.

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