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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**CELEBRATING "NATIONAL HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH"
DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2012, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representative Patricia L. Morgan

Date Introduced: May 17, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Huntington's Disease (HD) is a hereditary and degenerative brain disorder
2 for which there is currently no treatment or cure; and

3 WHEREAS, Huntington's Disease slowly diminishes the affected individual's ability to
4 walk, talk, and reason; and

5 WHEREAS, One out of every ten thousand Americans will be diagnosed with
6 Huntington's Disease, resulting in more than 30,000 people in the United States currently living
7 with this disease; and

8 WHEREAS, Children who have a parent diagnosed with Huntington's Disease have a
9 50/50 chance of inheriting the malady, which means at least 200,000 Americans are at risk of
10 developing HD; and

11 WHEREAS, Children who develop the juvenile form of Huntington's Disease rarely live
12 to adulthood; and

13 WHEREAS, Eventually, every person afflicted by Huntington's Disease will require full-
14 time care; and

15 WHEREAS, The goals of Huntington's Disease Awareness Month are to raise public
16 awareness and to educate all Rhode Islanders about Huntington's Disease; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
18 Providence Plantations hereby fully endorses the month of May, 2012, as "National Huntington's
19 Disease Awareness Month" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That this House hereby commemorates the 21st Anniversary of the signing
2 of Federal Proclamation 6295, which designated the month of May in 1991 as National HD
3 Awareness Month. We further support the educational goals brought forth by this resolution and
4 urge all the citizens of our state to wear the color blue to signify remembrance of Huntington's
5 Disease awareness; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Huntington's Disease Society of America
8 Inc., New England Region.

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