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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MARCH 12-18, 2012, AS NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
AWARENESS WEEK IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Nesselbush, P Fogarty, DeVall, Perry, and Miller

Date Introduced: February 28, 2012

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis currently afflicts more than 400,000 Americans and more
2 than 2 million people worldwide; and

3 WHEREAS, Most people are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, and Multiple
4 Sclerosis is 3 times more common in women than men; and

5 WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis is an unpredictable disease of the central nervous system
6 that can cause blurred vision, loss of balance, poor coordination, slurred speech, tremors,
7 numbness, extreme fatigue, problems with memory and concentration, paralysis, blindness, and
8 more; and

9 WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, through individual gifts, legacies
10 and bequests, special events, and corporate contributions, is dedicated to finding a cure for this
11 disease through research efforts and support for those that suffer from it; and

12 WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society maintains an office in Warwick to
13 offer vital support and programs to those living with multiple sclerosis and their family members;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The people of Rhode Island are similarly committed to the eradication of
16 this disease and support the treatment of fellow citizens that suffer from it; and

17 WHEREAS, This Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
18 encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs that address these
19 diseases; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby joins with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in designating the week of March 12-18,
3 2012, as National Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week to enhance the understanding of multiple
4 sclerosis, and to encourage participation in voluntary activities to support the local programs and
5 services offered by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Rhode Island Chapter, and the
6 funding of research programs to find a cure for this disease; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Warwick office of the National Multiple
9 Sclerosis Society.

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