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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013**

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

**CONGRATULATING THE MARCH OF DIMES ON THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS  
FOUNDING**

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, Diaz, Slater, O'Brien, and E Coderre

Date Introduced: March 13, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, The March of Dimes is celebrating 75 years of tireless work and the  
2 dedicated support of a legion of volunteers whose efforts have ensured that stronger, healthier  
3 babies are born in Rhode Island; and

4           WHEREAS, The March of Dimes was originally founded in 1938 by President Franklin  
5 D. Roosevelt to fight polio, a growing public health concern at the time. The foundation funded  
6 the development of two vaccines – still in use today – that virtually eliminated the crippling  
7 disease; and

8           WHEREAS, With its original mission accomplished, the March of Dimes sought out a  
9 new mission. Today, the organization works to improve the health of women of childbearing age,  
10 infants, and children by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality; and

11           WHEREAS, More than 4 million babies were born in the United States last year, and the  
12 March of Dimes helped all of them through its research, education, vaccines, and breakthroughs;  
13 and

14           WHEREAS, The March of Dimes was also there for more than half a million babies born  
15 too soon, over 1,300 of them right here in Rhode Island; and

16           WHEREAS, The March of Dimes and its volunteers continue to advocate for state health  
17 policies and programs that affect women of childbearing age, infants, children, and families; now,  
18 therefore be it

19           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and

1 Providence Plantations hereby salutes and congratulates the March of Dimes on the 75<sup>th</sup>  
2 Anniversary of its founding. We furthermore recognize the dedicated volunteers and supporters  
3 for their continued efforts to improve the health of moms and babies; and be it further  
4           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the March of Dimes Rhode Island Chapter.

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