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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

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

Introduced By: Senators Pichardo, Raptakis, DiPalma, Paiva Weed, and Metts

Date Introduced: March 13, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

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;
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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 Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

1 hereby salutes and congratulates the March of Dimes on the 75th Anniversary of its founding. We
2 furthermore recognize the dedicated volunteers and supporters for their continued efforts to
3 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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