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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MARCH 11-17, 2013, AS NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
AWARENESS WEEK

Introduced By: Senators Nesselbush, Jabour, Walaska, Pichardo, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: March 14, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

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 as common in women as in 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 now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
16 hereby voices its commitment to the eradication of this disease and supports the treatment of its
17 citizens that suffer from it; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and
19 education programs that address these diseases; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate joins with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in
2 recognizing the week of March 11-17, 2013, as National Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week to
3 enhance the understanding of multiple sclerosis, and to encourage participation in voluntary
4 activities to support the local programs and services offered by the National Multiple Sclerosis
5 Society – Rhode Island Chapter, and the funding of research programs to find a cure for this
6 disease; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and 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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