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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 10TH, 2013, TO BE "LUPUS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Pichardo, Picard, Crowley, Nesselbush, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: May 09, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease that causes the immune system to  
2    attack normal tissue, resulting in inflammation in various parts of the body, particularly the skin,  
3    joints, blood system, and kidneys. It develops most commonly in women between the ages of 15  
4    and 45; and

5           WHEREAS, Every day more than five million people worldwide struggle with the  
6    debilitating health consequences of lupus, a condition during which the immune system is  
7    compromised to the extent that it is unable to distinguish the body's own cells and tissues from  
8    foreign invaders; and

9           WHEREAS, World Lupus Day was first celebrated in the United States in 2004, with the  
10   issuance of the first World Lupus Day Proclamation, which identified this historic day and was  
11   aimed at raising awareness of the plight and the treatment requirements of millions of people;  
12   now, therefore be it

13           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
14   hereby proclaims May 10<sup>th</sup> of 2013 to be "Lupus Day" in our state and joins advocates from  
15   around the globe in calling for greater awareness of lupus and its consequences; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby urges and supports enhanced charitable donations  
17   to the Lupus Foundation of America and all organizations engaged in lupus research and patient  
18   services, and in this noble enterprise on behalf of all who are affected by lupus; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

- 1 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the LUPUS Foundation of America,
- 2 Connecticut Chapter, Inc.

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