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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**DESIGNATING THE SECOND FULL WEEK IN MAY AS "WOMEN'S LUNG HEALTH WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, Handy, Serpa, Fellela, and Hearn

Date Introduced: May 14, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Every five minutes, a woman in the United States is told she has lung  
2 cancer; and

3           WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the number one cancer killer of women in the United States,  
4 having surpassed breast cancer in 1987; and

5           WHEREAS, The lung cancer death rate in women has more than doubled over the past  
6 35 years; and

7           WHEREAS, Women are disproportionately burdened with COPD compared to men in  
8 terms of illness and death; and

9           WHEREAS, Asthma is more common in women than men; and

10          WHEREAS, Advocacy and increased awareness will result in more and better treatment  
11 for women with lung cancer, COPD, asthma, and other lung diseases and will ultimately save  
12 lives; and

13          WHEREAS, LUNG FORCE is the new national movement, led by the American Lung  
14 Association, with the mission of making lung cancer and lung disease history and uniting women  
15 to stand together with a collective strength and determination to lead the fight against lung cancer  
16 and for lung health; now, therefore be it

17          RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
18 Providence Plantations hereby designates the second full week in May as "Women's Lung Health  
19 Week" throughout Rhode Island. During this week in 2014, the Rhode Island State House will be

1 illuminated in turquoise to honor Women's Lung Health Week, and we encourage all the residents  
2 of the state to learn more about the detection and treatment of lung cancer and all lung disease;  
3 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 Mr. Ed Miller, Senior Vice President, Public  
6 Policy, American Lung Association of the Northeast.

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