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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2015, TO BE "TICK BORNE DISEASE MONTH"
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Archambault, DiPalma, Coyne, Lombardi, and Morgan

Date Introduced: May 12, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently announced the
2 number of newly acquired Lyme disease cases in the United States to be approximately 300,000
3 per year; and

4 WHEREAS, These newly adjusted rates of Lyme disease infection range from 4,000 to
5 7,000 new cases annually for Rhode Island, which is now ranked the 4th highest rate in the nation;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, When treatment of Lyme disease is delayed, continuing infection can lead to
8 chronic illness, disability or, in rare instances, death; and

9 WHEREAS, Education is essential to making the general public, health care
10 professionals, employers, educators and insurers more knowledgeable about the debilitating
11 effects of tick borne diseases, including Lyme disease; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
13 hereby proclaims the month of May, 2015, to be "Tick Borne Disease Month" in the State of
14 Rhode Island; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Nicole Alexander-Scott, Director Designee,
17 Rhode Island Department of Health.

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