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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2015 TO BE "ALS ADVOCACY MONTH" IN THE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Walaska, McCaffrey, Felag, Lynch, and Gallo

Date Introduced: May 19, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), known by many as Lou Gehrig's  
2 disease, is a progressive, fatal neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and  
3 spinal cord, making even the simplest movements such as walking, speaking, and gesturing  
4 nearly impossible; and

5           WHEREAS, An estimated 30,000 individuals in the United States are afflicted with ALS  
6 at any given time, with a little over 5,600 new cases appearing in this country and over 450,000  
7 people worldwide each year; and

8           WHEREAS, Approximately 15 new cases of ALS are diagnosed every day, and every 90  
9 minutes someone loses their battle with the disease; and

10           WHEREAS, ALS can strike anyone regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity which is  
11 why finding the cause of and cure for ALS will prevent the disease from taking more lives; and

12           WHEREAS, Aggressive treatments of the symptoms of ALS can extend the lives of those  
13 living with the disease; and

14           WHEREAS, Raising public awareness of this disease will facilitate the discovery of a  
15 cure and bring much needed support and services to families in Rhode Island and across the  
16 nation who are dealing with ALS; now, therefore be it

17           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
18 hereby proclaims the month of May, 2015 to be "ALS Advocacy Month." We furthermore urge  
19 all the citizens of the state to educate themselves on ALS and to help combat this disease by all

1 means possible; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
3 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Chapter of the ALS  
4 Foundation.

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