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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**PROCLAIMING MAY 10TH, 2015, TO BE "LUPUS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Slater, Hull, Bennett, and Barros

Date Introduced: May 11, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

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 roughly 1.5 million Americans, and at least five million people  
6    worldwide, struggle with the debilitating health consequences of lupus, a condition during which  
7    the immune system is compromised to the extent that it is unable to distinguish the body's own  
8    cells and tissues from 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 House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
14   Providence Plantations hereby proclaims May 10<sup>th</sup> of 2016 to be "Lupus Day" in our state and  
15   joins advocates from around the globe in calling for greater awareness of lupus and its  
16   consequences; and be it further

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

1           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the LUPUS Foundation of America,  
3 Connecticut Chapter, Inc.

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