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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 22ND THROUGH MARCH 29TH, 2016, AS
"RHODE ISLAND COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS WEEK"

Introduced By: Senators Nesselbush, Paiva Weed, Goodwin, Ruggerio, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: March 22, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Rhode Island Colorectal Cancer Week has been organized to occur within
2 the Nationally Observed Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month of March, which is a global
3 campaign to increase public awareness of the importance of colorectal cancer screening; and

4 WHEREAS, Care New England and presenting sponsor Women and Infants' Center for
5 Women's Gastrointestinal Health, along with the Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island
6 will be presenting colorectal cancer education and awareness events in order to increase
7 colorectal cancer screening rates and decrease the burden of colorectal cancer for Rhode
8 Islanders; and

9 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United
10 States and affects significant suffering in thousands of Rhode Island adults. It can often be
11 prevented through the detection and removal of precancerous polyps; and

12 WHEREAS, One in three adults, about 23 million people, are not getting tested, and
13 significant disparities in screening do exist; and

14 WHEREAS, Regular screenings can significantly reduce the number of deaths from
15 colorectal cancer by detecting cancerous or other conditions early when treatment is most
16 effective; and

17 WHEREAS, Education and awareness efforts inform the public and help increase the use
18 of screening tests that may prevent colorectal cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, Working with the Legislature to establish the Rhode Island Colorectal

1 Cancer Awareness Week is a collaborative effort that will not only help to focus awareness about
2 the importance of colorectal cancer screening, but will help decrease barriers to screening and
3 ease the burden of suffering caused by this disease in our state; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
5 hereby proclaims March 22nd through 29th as the first annual "Rhode Island Colorectal Cancer
6 Awareness Week." We furthermore encourage all Rhode Islanders to participate in the week-long
7 planned activities; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Christy L Dibble, DO Director, Women and
10 Infants Center for Women's Gastrointestinal Health.

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