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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 1ST - 7TH, 2016, AS "RHODE ISLAND MELANOMA AWARENESS WEEK"

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Algieri, and Gee

Date Introduced: May 04, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Skin cancer is a serious problem for people who spend significant time in
2 the sun outdoors and/or from ultraviolet light from tanning beds; and

3 WHEREAS, Melanoma is the most deadly form of skin cancer and the most common
4 form of cancer for young adults age 25-29; and

5 WHEREAS, Melanoma rates have doubled in Rhode Island since 1991; and

6 WHEREAS, On average, one American dies of melanoma every hour; and

7 WHEREAS, Advocacy, increased awareness, and screening will result in meaningful
8 reduction of the burden of skin cancer; and

9 WHEREAS, Members of The Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island and the
10 Department of Dermatology at Roger Williams Medical Center are diligently working to raise
11 awareness about the dangers of sun exposure, to promote safe sun behaviors, to recognize and
12 treat melanoma as early as possible, when it is still curable, and to accomplish the objectives
13 within the 2013-2018 Rhode Island Cancer Prevention and Control Plan; and

14 WHEREAS, Across the country, the month of May is designated as National Melanoma
15 Awareness Month; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
17 hereby proclaims May 1st - 7th, 2016, as "Rhode Island Melanoma Awareness Week" and
18 encourages all residents to learn more about the prevention and detection of skin cancer; and be it
19 further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Judy Cerrito, Director, Partnership to Reduce
3 Cancer in Rhode Island, and Thomas M. Ruenger, Chairman of the Department of Dermatology
4 at Roger Williams Medical Center.

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