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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 11-19, 2017 AS "BRAIN WEEK RHODE ISLAND"  
AND RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS "BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS  
MONTH"**

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Vella-Wilkinson, Giarrusso, Corvese, and  
Azzinaro

Date Introduced: February 28, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Brain Injury Awareness Month and Brain Week Rhode Island have been  
2 organized to coincide with the internationally observed Brain Awareness Month, which is a  
3 global campaign to increase public awareness of the progress and benefits of brain research; and

4           WHEREAS, Cure Alliance for Mental Illness, in conjunction with presenting sponsor,  
5 the Brown Institute for Brain Science, and additional support provided by the University of  
6 Rhode Island's George and Anne Ryan Institute for Neuroscience, will be presenting creative and  
7 family-friendly events ranging from opportunities to learn about brain research to fun brain-  
8 themed activities for all ages and the Brown University chapter of SACNAS has organized an  
9 event for high school and middle school students that will include a brain art contest and science  
10 fair; and

11           WHEREAS, Thousands of Rhode Islanders are affected by diseases of the brain,  
12 including depression, stroke, schizophrenia, epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease,  
13 and other neurological disorders, and brain injuries including concussions; and

14           WHEREAS, Brain Injury Awareness Month and Brain Week Rhode Island are a  
15 collaborative effort that will not only help to focus and raise awareness about the importance of  
16 brain research, but will also spark excitement for neuroscience and the growing biomedical sector  
17 that holds great promise for those suffering with these devastating conditions and for our state's  
18 future; now, therefore be it

19           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and

1 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims March 11<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, as the second annual  
2 "Brain Week Rhode Island" and recognizes the month of March as "Brain Injury Awareness  
3 Month." We furthermore encourage all Rhode Islanders to participate in the week-long planned  
4 activities highlighting the wonders of the brain and the observation of Brain Injury Awareness  
5 Month; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
7 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Hakon Heimer, Co-founder and CEO, Cure  
8 Alliance for Mental Illness, Diane Lipscombe, Director, Brown Institute for Brain Science, and  
9 Paula Grammas, Executive Director, George and Anne Ryan Institute for Neuroscience.

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