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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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

**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

COMMEMORATING MAY, 2017, AS "NATIONAL MELANOMA AWARENESS MONTH"

Introduced By: Representatives Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Tanzi, Fogarty, and Edwards

Date Introduced: May 30, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

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 second most  
4 common form of cancer for young adults age 15-29; and

5           WHEREAS, Melanoma accounts for 5 percent of all skin cancers and for 71 percent of  
6 all skin cancer deaths; and

7           WHEREAS, Melanoma treatment costs approximately \$3.3 billion annually in the United  
8 States. Advocacy, increased awareness, and screening will result in meaningful reduction of the  
9 burden of melanoma; and

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

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

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

18          RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
19 Providence Plantations hereby commemorating May, 2017, as "National Melanoma Awareness  
20 Month" and encourages all residents to learn more about the prevention of melanoma and other

1 skin cancers; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

3 transmit two duly certified copies of this resolution to David Rousseau, Chair, Partnership to

4 Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island.

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