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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

**PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 5TH THROUGH 11TH, 2017, TO BE "MS
AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senators Nesselbush, Paiva Weed, Goodwin, Gallo, and Goldin

Date Introduced: March 09, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous
2 system, affecting 2.3 million people worldwide; and

3 WHEREAS, According to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater New England
4 Chapter, the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between the ages of 20 through
5 50. The cause and course of the often debilitating symptoms of MS remain unknown and no cure
6 currently exists; and

7 WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed for more than
8 70 years to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force
11 of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure, and has invested more
12 than \$900 million in groundbreaking research; and

13 WHEREAS, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel \$42.1
14 million of funding for 380 research projects at the best medical centers, universities and other
15 institutions throughout the United States and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the
16 treatment of MS; and

17 WHEREAS, Stopping MS in its tracks, restoring what has been lost, and ending MS
18 forever is the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and one that all Americans and
19 Rhode Islanders should support; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS and expresses its
3 appreciation for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater New England
4 Chapter, has shown toward creating a world free of MS; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby proclaims the week of March 5th through 11th,
6 2017, to be "MS Awareness Week" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Peter A. Galligan, Chairman of the Board,
9 National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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