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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

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

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Satchell, Lombardi, Metts, and Felag

Date Introduced: May 11, 2017

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 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 Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
19 hereby commemorating May, 2017, as "National Melanoma Awareness Month" and encourages
20 all residents to learn more about the prevention of melanoma and other skin cancers; and be it

1 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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