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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 10TH, 2021, TO BE "LUPUS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Hanna M. Gallo

Date Introduced: May 11, 2021

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease that causes the immune system to
2 attack normal tissue, resulting in inflammation in various parts of the body, particularly the skin,
3 joints, blood system, and kidneys. It develops most commonly in women between the ages of 15
4 and 45; and

5 WHEREAS, Every day roughly 1.5 million Americans, and at least five million people
6 worldwide, struggle with the debilitating health consequences of lupus, a condition during which
7 the immune system is compromised to the extent that it is unable to distinguish the body's own
8 cells and tissues from foreign invaders; and

9 WHEREAS, World Lupus Day was first celebrated in the United States in 2004, with the
10 issuance of the first World Lupus Day Proclamation, which identified this historic day and was
11 aimed at raising awareness of the plight and the treatment requirements of millions of people;
12 now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby proclaims May 10th of
14 2021, to be "Lupus Day" in our State and joins advocates from around the globe in calling for
15 greater awareness of lupus and its consequences; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby urges and supports enhanced charitable donations
17 to the Lupus Foundation of America and all organizations engaged in lupus research and patient
18 services, and in this noble enterprise on behalf of all who are affected by lupus; and be it further

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

- 1 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the LUPUS Foundation of America,
- 2 Connecticut Chapter, Inc.

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