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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

DECLARING JUNE 3RD OF 2025, AS "PHARMACY ADVOCACY DAY" IN THE STATE  
OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives McGaw, Shekarchi, Chippendale, DeSimone, Craven,  
Donovan, Kennedy, Solomon, Ajello, and Boylan  
Date Introduced: June 03, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The health and well-being of Rhode Island residents are of paramount  
2 importance to all individuals; and  
3 WHEREAS, Pharmacists are the most accessible and visible health care providers  
4 delivering critical services to patients; and  
5 WHEREAS, Pharmacists are well-positioned to ensure optimal medication therapy  
6 outcomes, expand public health efforts, provide accessible and quality patient-centered care,  
7 education, and advocacy to individuals across the State; and  
8 WHEREAS, Pharmacists, technicians, and student pharmacists serve as integral members  
9 of the healthcare team, working collaboratively with patients, caregivers, physicians, advanced  
10 practitioners, nurses, and other healthcare providers to optimize medication therapy and improve  
11 health outcomes; and  
12 WHEREAS, Today, there are over 6,000 licensed pharmacy professionals providing care,  
13 and serving as patient advocates for expanding access to safe and effective therapy to the patients  
14 they serve; and  
15 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Pharmacists Association, has declared June 3rd, as Rhode  
16 Island Pharmacy Advocacy Day; and  
17 WHEREAS, Pharmacy Advocacy Day provides an opportunity to recognize and  
18 celebrate the contributions of pharmacy professionals to the health and well-being of our  
19 communities, while also raising awareness of the importance of pharmacy advocacy efforts in

1     shaping healthcare policy and advancing the pharmacy profession; and

2             WHEREAS, It is essential that Rhode Islanders support and promote the vital role of  
3     pharmacy professionals in public health and healthcare delivery, and to encourage greater  
4     collaboration between pharmacists, policymakers, other healthcare providers, and community  
5     stakeholders to address healthcare challenges and improve patient care; now, therefore be it

6             RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
7     declares June 3rd of 2025 as "Pharmacy Advocacy Day" in the State of Rhode Island and  
8     encourages all citizens, healthcare professionals, organizations, and institutions to recognize and  
9     participate in activities and events that promote pharmacy advocacy, raise awareness of the  
10    importance of pharmacists in healthcare, and support the goals and objectives of Pharmacy  
11    Advocacy Day; and be it further

12            RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
13    transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Pharmacists Association and  
14    the Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy.

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