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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MAY 2026 AS "NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH MONTH" IN THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Urso, Dimitri, Sosnowski, Murray, Famiglietti, Rogers,
LaMountain, Felag, Acosta, and Vargas

Date Introduced: May 21, 2026

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The health and well-being of women are essential to strong families, healthy
2 communities, and the continued prosperity of Rhode Island and the nation, and promoting
3 women's health benefits people of all ages and future generations; and

4 WHEREAS, National Women's Health Month is observed each year during the month of
5 May, opening with Women's Health Week on Mother's Day, centered in 2026 on the theme,
6 "Prevention, Innovation and Impact, A New Era in Women's Health," reflecting the growing
7 commitment to proactive, science-based, coordinated and patient-centered health care for women
8 and girls; and

9 WHEREAS, The observance of National Women's Health Month encourages women
10 and girls to prioritize their physical, mental and emotional well-being and to promote awareness
11 of the unique health challenges and opportunities affecting women throughout every stage of life;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Advances in medical research continue to improve our understanding of the
14 factors that shape women's health across their lifespans, including the impacts of puberty,
15 pregnancy, menopause and aging on women's overall health; and

16 WHEREAS, Research further demonstrates how women may experience symptoms of
17 disease differently than men, and respond differently to medications and treatments, underscoring
18 the importance of sex-specific study, and personalized, evidence-based health care; and

19 WHEREAS, Prevention and early detection remain among the most effective tools for

1 improving long-term health outcomes, reducing the risk of chronic illness, while regular health
2 screenings, annual exams and timely medical interventions can help identify serious conditions
3 before they become life-threatening; and

4 WHEREAS, Healthy lifestyle habits, including balanced nutrition, regular exercise,
5 restorative sleep, reduced stress and self-care are among the most effective ways to improve
6 overall health outcomes for women and girls; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby recognizes May 2026
8 as “National Women’s Health Month” in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Daniel J. McKee, Governor of
11 the State of Rhode Island, and the Rhode Island Department of Health.

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