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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 5TH THROUGH MAY 11TH, 2019, TO BE "MELANOMA  
AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, McCaffrey, Miller, Satchell, and Algieri

Date Introduced: April 24, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Skin cancer is a serious problem for people who spend significant time  
2 outdoors in the sun; and

3 WHEREAS, Melanoma is the most deadly common form of skin cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, Melanoma rates among Rhode Islanders have been steadily rising in Rhode  
5 Island since 1995, with diagnoses increasing by an average rate of 1.5 percent each year; and

6 WHEREAS, Advocacy, increased awareness, promoting ultraviolet light protection, and  
7 skin cancer screening will result in a meaningful reduction in the burden of skin cancer; and

8 WHEREAS, Members of The Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island, physicians  
9 at Brown Dermatology, the Rhode Island Department of Health's Comprehensive Cancer Control  
10 Program, and Lifespan Community Health Institute are diligently working cooperatively to  
11 accomplish statewide Skin Cancer Prevention and Control strategic objectives; now, therefore be  
12 it

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
14 hereby proclaims May 5th through May 11th, 2019, to be "Melanoma Awareness Week" in the  
15 State of Rhode Island, and encourages all residents to learn more about the prevention and early  
16 detection of skin cancer; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
18 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to The Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode  
19 Island, Brown Dermatology, the Rhode Island Department of Health's Comprehensive Cancer

1 Control Program, and Lifespan Community Health Institute.

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