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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE "CHOOSING WISELY CAMPAIGN" ON MAY 21, 2019, AND DECLARING THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND TO BE A "CHOOSING WISELY STATE"

Introduced By: Senators Miller, Ruggerio, Felag, Gallo, and Sheehan

Date Introduced: May 21, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, The goal of the Choosing Wisely Campaign is to promote conversations  
2 between physicians and patients about unnecessary care and thereby reduce wasteful spending of  
3 health care dollars on unnecessary tests, treatments, and procedures in the health care system; and

4           WHEREAS, Choosing Wisely is a national effort led by the American Board of Internal  
5 Medicine Foundation garnering the participation of over 80 medical specialty societies who have  
6 published more than 550 recommendations of overused tests, treatments, and procedures that  
7 clinicians and patients should discuss; and

8           WHEREAS, An informed and educated patient can feel empowered to ask questions  
9 about his or her health, including alternatives for pain medication, surgeries, and other medical  
10 care; and

11           WHEREAS, The medical community recognizes the importance of having an open  
12 dialogue with their patients on the benefit and risks of medicines, tests and procedures; and

13           WHEREAS, The Choosing Wisely Rhode Island Campaign, sponsored by the Rhode  
14 Island Business Group on Health and the Rhode Island Foundation, has brought together a broad  
15 coalition of stakeholders, including physicians/clinicians, patients, community advocates, and  
16 government and business leaders who are working together to benefit present and future  
17 generations of Rhode Islanders; now, therefore be it

18           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
19 hereby recognizes and supports the Choosing Wisely Rhode Island Campaign and encourages

1 statewide implementation by all stakeholders; and be it further

2           RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby proclaims Rhode Island to be a "Choosing Wisely  
3 State"; and be it further

4           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
5 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Paul Martineau, Chairman of the Board, Rhode  
6 Island Business Group on Health, and Neil D. Steinberg, President and CEO, the Rhode Island  
7 Foundation.

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