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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 9TH THROUGH 15TH OF 2020 TO BE "BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Nesselbush, Ruggerio, Satchell, Lombardi, and Morgan

Date Introduced: March 10, 2020

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island has projected that more than  
2 14,000 residents of Rhode Island will sustain a traumatic brain injury this year; and

3           WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island has identified brain injury as  
4 the leading cause of death and disability among children and young adults in this country; and

5           WHEREAS, Brain injury is an extremely costly public health issue; and

6           WHEREAS, Advances in medical technology have enabled many persons with severe  
7 brain injury to survive these injuries; and

8           WHEREAS, Persons with brain injury may need specialized rehabilitation programs and  
9 other services to meet specific needs to live life to maximum potential; and

10           WHEREAS, Most forms of insurance, both public and private, that are available to  
11 persons with brain injuries may not cover the rehabilitative and long-term care needs of these  
12 individuals; and

13           WHEREAS, People with brain injury and their families too often must choose between  
14 financial hardship or discontinuing critical treatment and services due to the substantial long-term  
15 costs; and

16           WHEREAS, Without specialized community services, people with brain injury may  
17 become inappropriately institutionalized; and

18           WHEREAS, Providing treatment methods and services to people with brain injury must  
19 be a priority for the State of Rhode Island; and

1           WHEREAS, In partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),  
2 the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Defense Veterans Brain Injury  
3 Center (DVBIC), and the Brain Injury Association of America, the Brain Injury Association of  
4 Rhode Island strives to increase awareness of both acquired and traumatic brain injuries, thus  
5 making prevention and safety measures part of the American culture, and decreasing the number  
6 of brain injuries; now, therefore be it

7           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
8 hereby proclaims the week of March 9<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> of 2020, to be "Brain Injury Awareness  
9 Week" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

10           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Debra Sharpe, Executive Director of the  
12 Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island.

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