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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MARCH OF 2022, AS "BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH"  
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, C Lima,  
Perez, Williams, Filippi, Solomon, Fellela, and Diaz

Date Introduced: March 01, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, In March of 2016, the United States Department of Health and Human  
2 Services approved the inclusion of Bleeding Disorders Month on its National Observances  
3 Calendar. Subsequently, March of each year is now nationally recognized as "Bleeding Disorders  
4 Awareness Month" in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, The designation formalized and expanded upon the original recognition of  
6 March, 1986, as "Hemophilia Awareness Month" by President Ronald Reagan; and

7 WHEREAS, These bleeding disorders, which share a common factor in the body's  
8 inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding and can lead to  
9 significant morbidity and fatality if not treated effectively; and

10 WHEREAS, Many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV and Hepatitis  
11 C in the 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and

12 WHEREAS, This Awareness Month will generate greater understanding not only for  
13 hemophilia but for all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand Disease, which  
14 alone impacts an estimated 3.2 million Americans; with an estimated 1,100 individuals suffering  
15 from hemophilia and other inheritable bleeding disorders in Rhode Island; and

16 WHEREAS, This Awareness Month will also foster a greater sense of community and  
17 shared purpose among individuals with all inheritable bleeding disorders and will elevate  
18 awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey beyond our  
19 community to the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures, and

1 disability; now, therefore be it

2           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
3 proclaims March of 2022, as "Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month" in the State of Rhode  
4 Island; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Richard Pezzillo, Executive Director, New  
7 England Hemophilia Association.

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