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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2012, TO BE "BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS
MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Metts, Nesselbush, and DeVall

Date Introduced: May 02, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Each year, doctors find a brain tumor in over 200 Rhode Islanders and a
2 spine tumor in even more patients. In 2008, across the country, close to 52,200 people were
3 diagnosed with a brain tumor. Approximately 3,750 of those diagnosed were children; and

4 WHEREAS, Brain tumors may be malignant or benign, but can be life-threatening in
5 either case and diagnosis and treatment are often complicated by the fact that more than 120
6 different types of brain tumors exist; and

7 WHEREAS, There is a significant need for greater awareness of brain and spine tumors
8 on the part of the public, including awareness of symptoms and warning signs, treatment options,
9 research needs, and public policy implications; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2008, the Rhode Island Brain & Spine Tumor Foundation was founded
11 by Dr. Prakash Sampath in the City of Providence; and

12 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Brain & Spine Tumor Foundation strives to increase the
13 public's knowledge about brain and spine injury; and

14 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Brain & Spine Tumor Foundation takes an active role in
15 providing educational opportunities for patients and clinicians in our state and acts as a liaison
16 between the Rhode Island community and the national associations for brain and spine tumor
17 research; and

18 WHEREAS, In order to improve the quality of life for patients, the Foundation provides
19 social support initiatives for those individuals who are battling brain tumors, as well as the

1 families, friends, and caregivers of those who are affected by a neuro-oncological disease; and

2 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Brain & Spine Tumor Foundation inspires people to
3 reveal the challenges they have faced in their own lives and to express how they overcome them.
4 Sharing these stories of survival helps to inspire others to triumph over their challenges and to
5 live fuller lives; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby applauds the commitment that the Rhode Island Brain & Spine Tumor Foundation has
8 demonstrated and proudly proclaims the month of May, 2012, to be “Brain Tumor Awareness
9 Month”; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Brain & Spine Tumor
12 Foundation.

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