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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N

PROCLAIMING MAY 10TH, 2013, TO BE "LUPUS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, McNamara, Williams, Slater, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: March 26, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1   WHEREAS, Lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease that causes the immune system to

2   attack normal tissue, resulting in inflammation in various parts of the body, particularly the skin,

3   joints, blood system, and kidneys. It develops most commonly in women between the ages of 15

4   and 45; and

5   WHEREAS, Every day more than five million people worldwide struggle with the

6   debilitating health consequences of lupus, a condition during which the immune system is

7   compromised to the extent that it is unable to distinguish the body's own cells and tissues from

8   foreign invaders; and

9   WHEREAS, World Lupus Day was first celebrated in the United States in 2004, with the

10   issuance of the first World Lupus Day Proclamation, which identified this historic day and was

11   aimed at raising awareness of the plight and the treatment requirements of millions of people;

12   now, therefore be it

13   RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and

14   Providence Plantations hereby proclaims May 10th of 2013 to be "Lupus Day" in our state and

15   joins advocates from around the globe in calling for greater awareness of lupus and its

16   consequences; and be it further

17   RESOLVED, That this House hereby urges and supports enhanced charitable donations

18   to the Lupus Foundation of America and all organizations engaged in lupus research and patient

19   services, and in this noble enterprise on behalf of all who are affected by lupus; and be it further

1   RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

2   transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the LUPUS Foundation of America,

3   Connecticut Chapter, Inc.

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