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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2015, TO BE "ESOPHAGEAL CANCER  
AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Serpa, Fellela, Marcello, Hearn, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: April 01, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, The purpose of recognizing the month of April as Esophageal Cancer  
2 Awareness Month is to raise awareness, promote education, and encourage research of  
3 esophageal cancer in the hope of discovering a cure; and

4           WHEREAS, Esophageal adenocarcinoma is the fastest growing cancer in the western  
5 world, where it has increased over 600 percent and is the fastest growing cancer; and

6           WHEREAS, There are no known underlying causes for esophageal cancer, just risk  
7 factors; and

8           WHEREAS, Many people die of esophageal cancer within the first year of noticing  
9 symptoms; and

10           WHEREAS, Patients whose esophageal cancer has spread only receive treatment towards  
11 relieving symptoms, not towards curing the cancer; and

12           WHEREAS, Survivors of esophageal cancer often suffer a lower quality of life after  
13 surgery; and

14           WHEREAS, Almost all cases of esophageal cancer are fatal, making it one of the  
15 deadliest of all cancers; now, therefore be it

16           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
17 Providence Plantations hereby joins the Salgi Esophageal Cancer Research Foundation in  
18 recognizing the Month of April as Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month in the state; and be it  
19 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 Linda M. Molfesi, President of the Salgi
- 3 Esophageal Cancer Research Foundation.

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