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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY, 2018, TO BE "NATIONAL MELANOMA AWARENESS MONTH"
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Blazejewski, Casimiro, Ackerman, and
McNamara

Date Introduced: April 25, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Skin cancer is a serious problem for people who spend significant time in
2 the sun outdoors and for those who are exposed to ultraviolet light from indoor tanning beds; and

3 WHEREAS, Melanoma is the most deadly common form of skin cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, Melanoma is the second most common form of cancer for young adults
5 aged 15 through 29; and

6 WHEREAS, Melanoma accounts for a large majority of all skin cancer deaths; and

7 WHEREAS, Melanoma treatment costs approximately \$3.3 billion annually in the United
8 States; and

9 WHEREAS, Advocacy, increased awareness, and skin cancer screening will result in a
10 meaningful reduction in the burden of melanoma; and

11 WHEREAS, Melanoma rates have more than doubled in Rhode Island since 1991; and

12 WHEREAS, Professionals at Brown Dermatology, Lifespan Community Health Institute,
13 The American Cancer Society, The Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island and the Rhode
14 Island Department of Health are working diligently together to raise awareness about the dangers
15 of sun exposure and indoor tanning, to promote safe ultraviolet exposure behaviors, to recognize
16 and treat melanoma as early as possible, when it is still curable, and to accomplish the objectives
17 within the 2013-2018 Rhode Island Cancer Prevention and Control Plan; and

18 WHEREAS, Across the nation, the month of May is designated as National Melanoma
19 Awareness Month; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
2 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims May, 2018, to be "National Melanoma Awareness
3 Month" in the State of Rhode Island and furthermore, encourages all residents to learn more
4 about the prevention of melanoma and other skin cancers; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Joy Hamer, RN, OCN, President of the Board
7 of the American Melanoma Foundation, Ms. Melissa Campbell, Chair, Partnership to Reduce
8 Cancer in Rhode Island, Department of Health, and Dr. John Kawaoka, Brown Dermatology.

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