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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING APRIL OF 2022, AS "LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE
AWARENESS MONTH (LLLDAM)" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Fogarty, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McEntee, Casimiro,
Kazarian, Cassar, Alzate, Felix, and Vella-Wilkinson

Date Introduced: April 05, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month is celebrated around the
2 globe as a time to recognize those living with limb loss and similar challenges and to highlight
3 the vital need to support efforts that advance equitable medical access, care, and coverage; and

4 WHEREAS, Nearly two million people living in the United States have experienced limb
5 loss, according to the Amputee Coalition, and by 2050, it is estimated that a staggering 3.6
6 million people will be living with limb loss; and

7 WHEREAS, The Amputee Coalition is the nation's leading organization on limb loss and
8 is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for amputees and their families, improving patient
9 care, and preventing limb loss. The Coalition's theme for this year's LLLDAM is "Ordinary is
10 Extraordinary"; and

11 WHEREAS, The most common reasons for limb amputation include severe injury, a
12 cancerous tumor in the bone or muscle of the limb, a serious infection that does not get better
13 with antibiotics or other treatment, thickening of nerve tissue, called a neuroma, and frostbite; and

14 WHEREAS, There are many different causes of congenital limb differences – some are
15 genetic, some are due to environmental or pharmaceutical factors, others may be because of an
16 isolated issue or syndrome occurring during fetal development; and

17 WHEREAS, Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month provides an opportunity
18 to educate the populace and empower and support individuals within our communities by sharing
19 the realities of living with limb loss and limb differences; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
2 proclaims April of 2022, to be "Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month" and urges the
3 citizens of the state to learn about and help to alleviate the obstacles that people living with limb
4 loss and/or limb difference must overcome to reclaim their lives; 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 the Rhode Island – The Amputee Coalition.

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