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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

ADOPTION OF THE STATE PLAN ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS

Introduced By: Senators Coyne, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Miller, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: June 28, 2019

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a fatal, degenerative disease of the brain that impairs
2 cognitive function, memory, and behavior; and

3 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is not part of the normal aging process; and

4 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States
5 and the fifth leading cause of death for those over 65 years of age; and

6 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the only leading cause of death that cannot be
7 prevented, cured, or even slowed; and

8 WHEREAS, An estimated 5.7 million people nationwide have Alzheimer's disease,
9 including 200,000 individuals under the age of 65; and

10 WHEREAS, Rhode Island is projected to have 27,000 individuals with Alzheimer's
11 disease by 2025; and

12 WHEREAS, The General Assembly affirmed the need for a state plan for Alzheimer's
13 disease and related disorders and directed the Long-Term Care Coordinating Council to convene
14 an Alzheimer's disease and related disorders working group (hereafter "working group"), by Joint
15 Resolution during the January Session, A.D. 2012; and

16 WHEREAS, The working group transmitted to the Governor and to the General
17 Assembly a state plan for Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in 2013; and

18 WHEREAS, The working group has commissioned a five year update regarding the
19 important developments in the area of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; now, therefore

1 be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby recognizes that people with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders and their families
4 must have all of the information and support they need and services delivered as effectively and
5 efficiently as possible; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby supports the five year update to the state for
7 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in the State of Rhode Island as developed by the
8 working group; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Gina Raimondo, Governor of the
11 State of Rhode Island.

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