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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

**DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY TO BE "NATIONAL TEEN DATING
VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE
ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representative Michael W. Chippendale

Date Introduced: March 02, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Dating violence is a reality for many youth, and an issue that many parents
2 are unaware of; and

3 WHEREAS, One in three young people are affected by physical, sexual, or verbal dating
4 violence, with one in five in a serious relationship reporting having been slapped, pushed, hit,
5 threatened or coerced by a partner, and breakups can be a time of even greater risk, even when a
6 relationship was never physically abusive; and

7 WHEREAS, Young people can choose better relationships when they understand that
8 healthy relationships are based on respect, and learn to identify early warning signs of an abusive
9 relationship; and

10 WHEREAS, Elimination of dating violence must be achieved through the cooperation of
11 individuals, organizations and communities; and

12 WHEREAS, Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month provides an excellent
13 opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing dating violence and to show support for
14 the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and
15 assistance to victims; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
17 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims the month of February 2011 to be "National Teen Dating
18 Violence Awareness and Prevention Month". We call upon all Rhode Islanders to support efforts
19 in their communities and schools, and in their own families, to empower young people to develop

1 healthy relationships throughout their lives and to engage in activities that prevent and respond to
2 teen dating violence; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the office of the Rhode Island Coalition
5 Against Domestic Violence.

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