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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010**

**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**PROCLAIMING MAY 3RD THROUGH MAY 10TH AS "PINK SPIRIT WEEK" IN THE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Kilmartin, Naughton, Slater, Diaz, and Giannini

Date Introduced: April 27, 2010

Referred To: Placed on House Calendar

1           WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women. In  
2 the United States, one in eight women will develop breast cancer sometime in her lifetime. In  
3 Rhode Island, women are even more likely to develop the disease; and

4           WHEREAS, The breast cancer incidence rate in Rhode Island in 2009 was 130.7 per  
5 100,000 women, compared to the rate of 128.2 per 100,000 women in the United States. The  
6 breast cancer mortality rate in Rhode Island in 2009 was 25 per 100,000 women, compared to the  
7 United States rate of 26 per 100,000 women; and

8           WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in Rhode Island  
9 women and the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of cancer death, but if detected early, the five-year survival rate  
10 is greater than 90 percent; and

11           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Cancer Council (RI CAN), established in 1999, is a  
12 community action program whose mission is to help lower cancer's toll in Rhode Island. With  
13 support from the Rhode Island Breast Cancer Coalition, the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer  
14 Research Foundation, and AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, RI CAN launched the first annual "Pink  
15 Spirit Week" in 2007; and

16           WHEREAS, Before the Cancer Council's inception, Rhode Island had the highest  
17 incidence of breast cancer and was among those states with the highest mortality rates. After ten  
18 years of public and professional education provided by the Council, our state's rankings have  
19 improved dramatically; and

1           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Cancer Council has helped thousands of Rhode Islanders  
2 to find the vital resources to deal with their disease, and to learn what can be done to prevent and  
3 detect cancer early; and

4           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Cancer Council achieves its mission by providing free  
5 programs in Public Education, Education, and Public Information; and

6           WHEREAS, During the week of May 3<sup>d</sup> through May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, The Rhode Island  
7 Cancer Council will be hosting their third annual “Pink Spirit Week”; and

8           WHEREAS, “Pink Spirit Week” will improve education and awareness to Rhode Island  
9 High Schools and through education, community service, and spirit initiatives; and

10          WHEREAS, Last year over 8,000 students from 13 high schools across the state learned  
11 about breast cancer and helped spread awareness. This year RI CAN hopes to reach and educate  
12 many more students across Rhode Island; now, therefore be it

13          RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
14 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, as “Pink Spirit Week”  
15 in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

16          RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Executive Director of The Rhode Island  
18 Cancer Council, Inc.

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