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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2013, TO BE "BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS  
MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Paiva Weed, Ottiano, and Nesselbush

Date Introduced: May 22, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Each year, doctors find a brain tumor in over 200 Rhode Islanders and a  
2 spine tumor in even more patients. In 2013, across the country, close to 70,000 new primary  
3 brain tumor diagnoses will be made. Approximately 4,200 new malignant and non-malignant  
4 brain tumor diagnoses are expected to occur in children; and

5           WHEREAS, Brain tumors may be malignant or benign, but can be life-threatening in  
6 either case and diagnosis and treatment are often complicated by the fact that more than 120  
7 different types of brain tumors exist; and

8           WHEREAS, There is a significant need for greater awareness of brain and spine tumors  
9 on the part of the public, including awareness of symptoms and warning signs, treatment options,  
10 research needs, and public policy implications; and

11           WHEREAS, In 2008, the Rhode Island Brain & Spine Tumor Foundation was founded  
12 by Dr. Prakash Sampath in the City of Providence; and

13           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Brain & Spine Tumor Foundation strives to increase the  
14 public's knowledge about brain and spine injury; and

15           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Brain & Spine Tumor Foundation takes an active role in  
16 providing educational opportunities for patients and clinicians in our state and acts as a liaison  
17 between the Rhode Island community and the national associations for brain and spine tumor  
18 research; and

19           WHEREAS, In order to improve the quality of life for patients, the Foundation provides

1 social support initiatives for those individuals who are battling brain tumors, as well as for the  
2 families, friends, and caregivers of those who are affected by a neuro-oncological disease; and

3 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Brain & Spine Tumor Foundation inspires people to  
4 reveal the challenges they have faced in their own lives and to express how they overcome them.  
5 Sharing these stories of survival helps to inspire others to triumph over their challenges and to  
6 live fuller lives; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
8 hereby applauds the commitment that the Rhode Island Brain & Spine Tumor Foundation has  
9 demonstrated and proudly proclaims the month of May, 2013, to be "Brain Tumor Awareness  
10 Month"; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Brain & Spine Tumor  
13 Foundation.

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