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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2010, TO BE "ALS ADVOCACY MONTH" IN  
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Lanzi, Connors, Ruggerio, DiPalma, and Picard

Date Introduced: May 25, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), known by many as Lou Gehrig's  
2 disease, is a progressive, fatal neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and  
3 spinal cord, making even the simplest movements such as walking, speaking, and gesturing  
4 nearly impossible; and,

5           WHEREAS, Approximately 30,000 individuals in the United States are afflicted with  
6 ALS at any given time, with 5,000 new cases appearing each year; and,

7           WHEREAS, Approximately 15 new cases of ALS are diagnosed every day, and every 90  
8 minutes someone loses their battle with the disease; and,

9           WHEREAS, ALS can strike anyone regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity, which is  
10 why finding the cause of and cure for ALS will prevent the disease from taking more lives; and,

11           WHEREAS, Aggressive treatments of the symptoms of ALS can extend the lives of  
12 those living with the disease; and

13           WHEREAS, Raising public awareness of this disease will facilitate the discovery of a  
14 cure and bring much needed support and services to families in Rhode Island and across the  
15 nation who are dealing with ALS; now, therefore be it

16           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
17 hereby proclaims the month of May, 2010, to be "ALS Advocacy Month." We furthermore urge  
18 all the citizens of the state to educate themselves on ALS and to help combat this disease by all  
19 means possible; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Chapter of the ALS  
3 Foundation.

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