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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY OF 2024, TO BE "RHODE ISLAND PHARMACY ADVOCACY  
MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Meghan E. Kallman

Date Introduced: May 14, 2024

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, The health and well-being of Rhode Island residents are of paramount  
2 importance to all individuals; and

3           WHEREAS, Pharmacists are the most accessible health care providers delivering critical  
4 services to patients; and

5           WHEREAS, Pharmacists are well-positioned to ensure optimal medication therapy  
6 outcomes, expand public health efforts, provide accessible and quality patient-centered care,  
7 education, and advocacy to individuals across the State; and

8           WHEREAS, Pharmacists, technicians and student pharmacists, serve as integral members  
9 of the healthcare team, working collaboratively with patients, caregivers, physicians, advanced  
10 practitioners, nurses, and other healthcare providers to optimize medication therapy and improve  
11 health outcomes; and

12           WHEREAS, Today, there are over 6,000 licensed pharmacy professionals providing care,  
13 and serving as patient advocates for expanding access to safe and effective therapy to the patients  
14 they serve; and

15           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Pharmacists Association have declared May as Rhode  
16 Island Pharmacy Advocacy Month; and

17           WHEREAS, Pharmacy Advocacy Month provides an opportunity to recognize and  
18 celebrate the contributions that pharmacy professionals make to the health and well-being of our  
19 communities, while also raising awareness of the importance of pharmacy advocacy efforts in

1 shaping healthcare policy and advancing the pharmacy profession; and

2 WHEREAS, It is essential that Rhode Island supports and promotes the vital role of  
3 pharmacy professionals in public health and healthcare delivery, and encourages greater  
4 collaboration between pharmacists, policymakers, other healthcare providers, and stakeholders to  
5 address healthcare challenges and improve patient care; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby proclaims May of  
7 2024, to be "Pharmacy Advocacy Month" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby encourages all citizens, healthcare professionals,  
9 organizations, and institutions to recognize and participate in activities and events that promote  
10 pharmacy advocacy, raise awareness of the importance of pharmacists in healthcare, and support  
11 the goals and objectives of Pharmacy Advocacy Month; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
13 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Pharmacists Association and  
14 the Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy.

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