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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING "WORLD LUPUS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND ON
MAY 10, 2017

Introduced By: Senator Hanna M. Gallo

Date Introduced: May 10, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Lupus is a serious and incurable autoimmune disease that can cause life-
2 threatening damage to any organ in the body; and

3 WHEREAS, Lupus is a global health problem that affects millions of young women, men
4 and children of all nationalities, races, ethnicities, genders and ages worldwide; and

5 WHEREAS, Many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms and health effects of
6 Lupus, causing people with Lupus to suffer many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and
7 medical treatment; and

8 WHEREAS, Medical research efforts into Lupus and the discovery and development of
9 safer, more effective treatments for Lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases
10 of similar magnitude and severity; and

11 WHEREAS, People with Lupus will face a lifetime of living with the unpredictable and
12 life-changing health effects of this disease; and

13 WHEREAS, There is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals
14 and families affected by Lupus; and

15 WHEREAS, There is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of
16 the devastating impact of Lupus; and

17 WHEREAS, World Lupus Day is the day on which Lupus organizations around the globe
18 call for increases in public and private sector funding for medical research on Lupus, targeted
19 education programs for health professionals, patients and the public, and worldwide recognition

1 of Lupus as a significant health issue; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby commemorates "World Lupus Day" in the State of Rhode Island on May 10, 2017; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Tracy Rode, President & CEO, Lupus
7 Foundation of America.

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