

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 12-19, 2016, AS "BRAIN WEEK RHODE ISLAND" AND RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS "BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH"**

Introduced By: Senator Donna M. Nesselbush

Date Introduced: March 17, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Brain Injury Awareness Month and Brain Week Rhode Island have been  
2 organized to coincide with the internationally observed Brain Awareness Month, which is a  
3 global campaign to increase public awareness of the progress and benefits of brain research; and

4           WHEREAS, Cure Alliance for Mental Illness, in conjunction with presenting sponsor,  
5 the Brown Institute for Brain Science, and additional support provided by the Norman Prince  
6 Neurosciences Institute and Butler Hospital, will be presenting creative and family-friendly  
7 events "ranging from opportunities to learn about brain research to fun brain-themed activities for  
8 all ages" and the Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island will be presenting their annual  
9 educational conference and organizing activities to increase awareness of acquired and traumatic  
10 brain injury and its consequences; and

11           WHEREAS, Thousands of Rhode Islanders are affected by diseases of the brain,  
12 including depression, stroke, schizophrenia, epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease,  
13 and other neurological disorders, and brain injuries including concussions; and

14           WHEREAS, Brain Injury Awareness Month and Brain Week Rhode Island are a  
15 collaborative effort that will not only help to focus and raise awareness about the importance of  
16 brain research, but will also spark excitement for neuroscience and the growing biomedical sector  
17 that holds great promise for those suffering with these devastating conditions and for our state's  
18 future; now, therefore be it

19           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

1 hereby proclaims March 12<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as the first annual "Brain Week Rhode Island"  
2 and recognizes the month of March as "Brain Injury Awareness Month." We furthermore  
3 encourage all Rhode Islanders to participate in the week-long planned activities highlighting the  
4 wonders of the brain and the observation of Brain Injury Awareness Month; and be it further

5         RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Hakon Heimer, Chair, Brain Week Rhode  
7 Island, c/o Cure Alliance for Mental Illness, and Debra Sharpe, Executive Director of the Brain  
8 Injury Association of Rhode Island.

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