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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE "CHOOSING WISELY CAMPAIGN" ON MAY 21, 2019, AND DECLARING THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND TO BE A "CHOOSING WISELY STATE"

Introduced By: Senator Joshua Miller

Date Introduced: May 21, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The goal of the Choosing Wisely Campaign is to promote conversations
2 between physicians and patients about unnecessary care and thereby reduce wasteful spending of
3 health care dollars on unnecessary tests, treatments, and procedures in the health care system; and

4 WHEREAS, Choosing Wisely is a national effort led by the American Board of Internal
5 Medicine Foundation garnering the participation of over 80 medical specialty societies who have
6 published more than 550 recommendations of overused tests, treatments, and procedures that
7 clinicians and patients should discuss; and

8 WHEREAS, An informed and educated patient can feel empowered to ask questions
9 about his or her health, including alternatives for pain medication, surgeries, and other medical
10 care; and

11 WHEREAS, The medical community recognizes the importance of having an open
12 dialogue with their patients on the benefit and risks of medicines, tests and procedures; and

13 WHEREAS, The Choosing Wisely Rhode Island Campaign, sponsored by the Rhode
14 Island Business Group on Health and the Rhode Island Foundation, has brought together a broad
15 coalition of stakeholders, including physicians/clinicians, patients, community advocates, and
16 government and business leaders who are working together to benefit present and future
17 generations of Rhode Islanders; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
19 hereby recognizes and supports the Choosing Wisely Rhode Island Campaign and encourages

1 statewide implementation by all stakeholders; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby proclaims Rhode Island to be a "Choosing Wisely
3 State"; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Paul Martineau, Chairman of the Board, Rhode
6 Island Business Group on Health, and Neil D. Steinberg, President and CEO, the Rhode Island
7 Foundation.

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