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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION

**PROCLAIMING APRIL TO BE "HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH" IN
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senators Zurier, Kallman, Cano, Quezada, and Miller

Date Introduced: April 16, 2024

Referred To: Senate Education

1 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island General Assembly passed
2 legislation in 2016 requiring Holocaust and genocide education for secondary public education;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island passed legislation establishing the RI Holocaust
5 and Genocide Education Commission to oversee the implementation of Holocaust and genocide
6 education in the State's secondary schools with the hopes of better understanding how the
7 Holocaust and genocides can be averted in the future; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year the RI Senate overwhelmingly passes resolutions remembering
9 the Holocaust, Armenian Genocide and other genocides, recognizing the importance of "Never
10 Again"; and

11 WHEREAS, It is essential to our State and our Nation that we educate our youth about
12 the millions of men, women, and children who have and continue to be slaughtered and
13 ostracized simply because of their beliefs and their heritage, or their strength or frailty, in order to
14 not let this brutality and senseless hatred and carnage continue; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby proclaims April to be
16 "Holocaust & Genocide Awareness Month" and strongly encourages Rhode Island's history and
17 social science educators to incorporate lessons on past and current genocide atrocities into their
18 curriculum and classroom discussions in order to encourage and foster a new generation with
19 insight and the pledge to work to eradicate bigotry, prejudice, brutality, and injustice; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
3 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner of the
4 Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Rhode Island
5 Holocaust and Genocide Education Commission.

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