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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 23RD THROUGH MARCH 1ST, 2025, AS "PEACE CORPS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives O'Brien, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Dawson, Finkelman, Read, Noret, Craven, and Azzinaro

Date Introduced: February 25, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Peace Corps is an organization guided by committed individuals who
2 provide their leadership and support and, like volunteers, have the same spirit of dedication to the
3 work of the agency; and

4 WHEREAS, The Peace Corps traces its roots and mission to 1960, when then-Senator
5 John F. Kennedy challenged students at the University of Michigan to serve their country in the
6 cause of peace by living and working in developing countries. From that inspiration grew an
7 agency of the federal government devoted to world peace and friendship; and

8 WHEREAS, Since that time, more than 240,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in
9 more than 140 host countries to work on issues ranging from AIDS education to information
10 technology and environmental preservation; and

11 WHEREAS, Today's Peace Corps is more vital than ever, contributing to emerging and
12 essential areas such as information technology, business development, and the President's
13 Emergency Plan for AIDS relief. Peace Corps Volunteers continue to help countless individuals
14 who want to build a better life for themselves, their children, and their communities; now,
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
17 proclaims February 23rd through March 1st, 2025, as "Peace Corps Week" in the State of Rhode
18 Island. We commend the Peace Corps and all those who have served as Peace Corps volunteers
19 for the great contributions they have made to world peace and understanding, for the betterment

1 of the lives of the citizens of the countries where volunteers have served and of our own nation;
2 and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Director of the Peace Corps, Carol Spahn.

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