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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF "NATIONAL EMS WEEK" ON MAY
18-24, 2025, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Gordon E. Rogers

Date Introduced: May 14, 2025

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) encompasses an entire field of
2 emergency care and medical assistance providers that are activated by an incident that potentially
3 causes serious illness or injury, and is a vital and essential public service; and

4 WHEREAS, At the start of 2023, there were 5,333 licensed EMS practitioners in 83 EMS
5 agencies in Rhode Island; and

6 WHEREAS, The skilled members of these emergency medical services teams are always
7 ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

8 WHEREAS, Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and
9 recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

10 WHEREAS, Emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important,
11 out-of-hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or
14 volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to
15 enhance their lifesaving skills; and

16 WHEREAS, Rhode Island has five licensed levels of EMS practitioners, Emergency
17 Medical Responder (EMR), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced Emergency
18 Medical Technician (AEMT), Advanced Emergency Medical Technician-Cardiac (AEMT-C),
19 and Paramedic; and

1 WHEREAS, The emergency medical services system consists of first responders,
2 emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police
3 officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians,
4 trained members of the public, and other out-of-hospital medical care providers; and

5 WHEREAS, The 2025 theme for National EMS Week is “We Care. For Everyone.” This
6 theme recognizes and celebrates the contributions of EMS professionals, including EMT’s,
7 paramedics, and first responders who dedicate their lives to saving lives and providing critical
8 care; and

9 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby commemorates
10 “National EMS Week” and encourages all Rhode Islanders recognize the contributions of EMS
11 professionals and the essential service they provide to our communities; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Marc R. Pappas, Director of the Rhode Island
14 Emergency Management Agency.

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