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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 20TH OF 2026, TO BE "NATIONAL CAREGIVERS DAY" IN
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Carson, Kennedy,
Edwards, Bennett, Solomon, Ajello, and Fogarty
Date Introduced: February 11, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, National Caregivers Day was created in 2015, and first celebrated in 2016,
2 by the Providers Association for Home Health & Hospice Agencies (PAHHHA) as a way to
3 recognize and thank the millions of caregivers who go the extra mile every day to provide
4 critically important and nurturing care to millions of Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, According to a 2025 report from the National Alliance for Caregiving and
6 the American Association of Retired Persons, approximately 63 million family caregivers in the
7 United States cared for an adult or child without pay. Most caregivers take care of one adult, but
8 many care for two adults, and some for three or more adults. Around 60 percent of family
9 caregivers are female; and

10 WHEREAS, The Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index also reports that caregivers spend
11 about 13 days on household/errands and tasks, 6 days on personal care, and 13 hours on
12 administrative duties and research, demonstrating an immense time commitment which often
13 impacts their own health and work opportunities; and

14 WHEREAS, Each year, National Caregivers Day offers an opportunity to thank and show
15 appreciation to our local caregivers, including professional caregivers such as home health aides,
16 nurses, and therapists, as well as informal family caregivers, who provide critically needed and
17 loving care to so many people within our communities. Our communities are truly blessed to have
18 these hard-working and dedicated professionals serving our neighborhoods and taking care of our
19 loved ones and those in need of daily care and assistance; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
2 proclaims February 20th of 2026, to be "National Caregivers Day" in the State of Rhode Island;
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Providers Association for Home Health &
6 Hospice Agencies (PAHHHA).

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