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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING "ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY" ON APRIL 22, 2026, AND
THANKING ALL THE DEDICATED STAFF WHO WORK TIRELESSLY IN SUPPORT OF
THE RHODE ISLAND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Diaz, Chippendale, Slater,
Noret, Hopkins, Kazarian, Casimiro, and Edwards

Date Introduced: April 16, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, In 1952, United States Secretary of Commerce Charles W. Sawyer
2 proclaimed the week of June 1-7 to be "National Secretaries Week" with Wednesday, June 4th
3 being designated as "National Secretaries Day." In 1955, "National Secretaries Week" was moved
4 to the last full week of April with the Wednesday of that week now being designated as
5 "Administrative Professionals' Day." The name was changed to "Professional Secretaries Week"
6 in 1981, and became "Administrative Professionals' Week" in 2000; and

7 WHEREAS, Administrative Professionals' Day celebrates the more than 2.78 million
8 hard-working Administrative Professionals currently employed in the United States workforce
9 who daily make invaluable contributions in support of their workplaces; and

10 WHEREAS, Administrative Professionals often toil late into the night and arrive at their
11 jobs early in the morning in order to ensure that their work has been done accurately and in a
12 timely manner. Without these dedicated professionals, most workplaces could not function
13 properly; and

14 WHEREAS, Administrative Professionals are employed by, and essential to, myriad
15 work places, both small and big businesses, at charitable entities, and in all government
16 institutions including schools, hospitals and other vital components of society, and they are often
17 the first contact and first impression that members of the public will have with a particular
18 institution; and

19 WHEREAS, At the Rhode Island State House, dedicated Administrative Professionals

1 work incredible hours with committed passion to ensure that each individual Representative's
2 needs are met, and to guarantee that the people's business is done in a productive, efficient, and
3 enlightened manner, and thanks to these exemplary professionals, the members of the House can
4 better represent their constituents and do the important work they were elected to do; now,
5 therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
7 proudly celebrates "Administrative Professionals Day" on April 22, 2026, and thanks all the
8 dedicated staff who work tirelessly in support of the Rhode Island House of Representatives,
9 including Jennifer Amerantes, Shera Burke, Lisa Cataldi, Trudy Cipriano, Ariana Costa, James
10 DeCastro, Roberta DiMezza, Diane DePina, Lynn DiPetrillo, Kristen Haroian, Colleen Magill,
11 Louis Mansolillo, Sarah Martino, Tina Massimino, Anabella Mayorga, Erin McKenna, Kathleen
12 Morgan, Hailey O'Connell, and Kimberly Wineman; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dierdre Crowl, CAP, Chair of the Board of
15 Directors of the International Association of Administrative Professionals, and Kendra Adams,
16 CAP, Chair-Elect of the International Association of Administrative Professionals.

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