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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

SENATE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING "NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK" ON MAY 10-16, 2026, IN THE STATE
OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Lawson, and Murray

Date Introduced: May 14, 2026

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, National Hospital Day was set aside in honor of Florence Nightingale, the
2 woman who made nursing a respectable profession and who revolutionized the way hospitals
3 were run. The May 12th observance was expanded to a week-long event in 1953 so that hospitals
4 could use it to plan and implement more extensive public information programs, and is currently
5 sponsored by the American Hospital Association; and

6 WHEREAS, National Hospital Week 2026 celebrates hospitals, health systems, and the
7 women and men who support the health and well-being of their communities through dedication
8 and care from the heart; and

9 WHEREAS, Hospitals in the United States deliver approximately 3.5 million babies,
10 employ roughly 6.3 million people, and provide emergency care to around 137 million
11 individuals each year; and

12 WHEREAS, Hospitals in Rhode Island supported more than 60,000 jobs, generated
13 approximately \$11.7 billion in total economic output, and produced \$779.3 million in state and
14 local tax revenue in 2024, resulting in a significant impact on both community health and the
15 economy; and

16 WHEREAS, Providing everything from emergency care, labor and delivery, minor
17 surgery, and specialized care, hospitals big and small fill a vital need in our communities and
18 every nurse, doctor, practitioner and staff member is essential in the compassionate delivery of
19 these much-needed quality services; and

1 WHEREAS, National Hospital Week is a time to raise awareness of the importance of
2 hospitals and health systems and to highlight the critical role hospitals and healthcare
3 professionals play in our local communities; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby recognizes May 10-
5 16, 2026, as "National Hospital Week", and acknowledges and thanks Rhode Island's healthcare
6 professionals for working diligently to provide countless men, women, and families with quality
7 health services and for building a brighter tomorrow for future generations; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Michael Sroczynski, President of the Hospital
10 Association of Rhode Island.

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