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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND THANKING DR. NICOLE ALEXANDER-SCOTT

Introduced By: Senators Miller, Burke, Sosnowski, McCaffrey, Lombardo, and Cano

Date Introduced: February 01, 2022

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Nicole Alexander-Scott, M.D., Director of the Rhode Island Department of
2 Health, was appointed Health Director by former Governor Gina Raimondo in April of 2015. In
3 that capacity, she has devoted all her considerable talents and energy to improving the health of
4 each and every person in the State of Rhode Island, and has been a stalwart and trusted presence
5 in the lives of most Rhode Islanders during the COVID pandemic; and

6 WHEREAS, Originally from Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Alexander-Scott majored in
7 Human Development and Family Studies at Cornell University, and subsequently graduated from
8 SUNY Upstate Medical University at Syracuse. Upon completion of a combined internal
9 medicine-pediatrics residency at SUNY Stony Brook University Hospital, she finished a four-
10 year combined fellowship in adult and pediatric infectious diseases at Brown University, and
11 later, obtained a Master's Degree in Public Health from Brown University; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Alexander-Scott has had widespread professional and academic
13 experience. She is board certified in Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, Pediatric Infectious Diseases,
14 and Adult Infectious Diseases, and was an associate professor of pediatrics, medicine, and public
15 health; and

16 WHEREAS, Highly regarded among her peers, Dr. Alexander-Scott has been
17 commended for her calm, collaborative style, and her willingness to listen as well as inform. She
18 served as President of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), which
19 is the national organization for state health directors; and

20 WHEREAS, Over the past two years, Dr. Alexander-Scott has been a strong and calming

1 presence on the podium as the citizens of Rhode Island avidly tuned in to weekly updates on the
2 State's efforts to fight COVID. She has touched the lives and hearts of so many people and is
3 truly an extraordinary woman who serves as a model of dedicated and conscientious civic service;
4 now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby recognizes and thanks
6 Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott on the occasion of her retirement as Health Director after almost
7 seven years of steadfast and unselfish service to the people of the State of Rhode Island. We wish
8 her good health, fulfillment and continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott.

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