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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF JUNE 18TH - 24TH, 2012, TO BE "AMATEUR RADIO WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Menard, MacBeth, and McLaughlin

Date Introduced: May 09, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the leading organization for  
2 Amateur Radio in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, Amateur Radio or “ham radio” operators will be celebrating over a century  
4 of “the miracle of human voice broadcast over the airwaves”; and

5 WHEREAS, Amateur Radio provides a bridge between peoples, societies, and countries  
6 by creating friendships and through the sharing of ideas; and

7 WHEREAS, There are more than 2.5 million Amateur Radio operators worldwide, with  
8 more than 650,000 in the United States and approximately 2,000 in Rhode Island; and

9 WHEREAS, Amateur Radio operators have provided countless hours of community  
10 service without compensation; and

11 WHEREAS, During June of this year, as they have for decades, Rhode Island’s “ham”  
12 operators will join amateur operators from across the United States and Canada in setting up a  
13 24-hour emergency encampment exercise, known as Field Day, demonstrating their skills and  
14 readiness to provide emergency communications; and

15 WHEREAS, Over the past decade, Amateur Radio operators have provided critical  
16 emergency communications when other systems failed during the devastating events of Hurricane  
17 Katrina and, more recently, during the catastrophes in Haiti and Chile; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
19 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims the week of June 18th - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012, to be “Amateur

1 Radio Week.” We furthermore thank our local “hams” for their diligence and dedication to our  
2 state’s communication preparedness; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Bob Beaudet, W1YRC, ARRL Section  
5 Manager, Rhode Island Section ARRL, and the National Association for Amateur Radio.

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