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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING FEBRUARY 11, 2012, AS "UNITED WAY 2-1-1 DAY" IN THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Pichardo, Tassoni, Pinga, and Jabour

Date Introduced: February 09, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, United Way of Rhode Island is formally commemorating National 2-1-1
2 Day on Saturday, February 11, 2012; and

3 WHEREAS, By dialing 2-1-1, Rhode Islanders across the state can access free and
4 confidential social services offered by health and human services providers, government
5 agencies, and community-based organizations. This information and referral line is available in
6 175 languages and dialects, 24 hours a day, and seven days a week throughout the year; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2011, over 205,000 calls were received by 2-1-1, an increase of nearly
8 23,000 calls from 2010, representing a dramatic increase in the number of calls from Rhode
9 Islanders seeking assistance with rental or mortgage payments, utility payments, and food; and

10 WHEREAS, Members of United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island in partnership with the
11 Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs support the Aging and Disability Resource Center
12 (ADRC)/The POINT, which assisted more than 30,000 seniors, adults with disabilities, care
13 givers, and health service providers in 2011; and

14 WHEREAS, United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island also plays a critical communications role
15 during natural disasters or other state crises. Tropical Storm Irene alone resulted in 24,000 calls in
16 August 2011, with more than 4,000 additional follow-up calls made to people impacted by the
17 storm; and

18 WHEREAS, The community as a whole benefits from United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island
19 because the service helps people connect with the information they need, when they need it most.

1 United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island increases efficiency by helping callers clearly define their
2 needs and connects them to the best places to receive help; and

3 WHEREAS, Now more than ever, it is critically important that Rhode Islanders realize
4 there is help and United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island can be their guide; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
6 hereby declares February 11, 2012, to be “United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island Day” in the state of
7 Rhode Island; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Paolo Fernandez.

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