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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 5TH TO BE THE "2012 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS
MONTH - DAY OF ACTION" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Perry, Paiva Weed, Metts, Moura, and Gallo

Date Introduced: April 10, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Sexual assault is a despicable crime that affects victims, families, and our
2 entire society. Tragically, crimes that are sexually violent in nature continue to rank among the
3 most prevalent in our society and create some of the most widespread public health problems in
4 our communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Sexual assault affects every child and adult in Rhode Island as a
6 victim/survivor or a family member, significant other, neighbor, friend or co-worker of a
7 victim/survivor; and

8 WHEREAS, One in four girls and one in six boys will be a victim of sexual abuse before
9 they are 18 years old; and

10 WHEREAS, Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our campus
11 communities as seen by statistics indicating that one in five college-aged women will have
12 experienced sexual assault by the time they complete college; and

13 WHEREAS, We must work together to educate our community about what can be done
14 to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

15 WHEREAS, With leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling
16 evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Rhode Island through
17 prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence
18 responsible for their actions; and

19 WHEREAS, Volunteers and community providers in our community are working to

1 provide a continuum of support or care to sexual assault survivors through the Victims of Crime
2 Helpline, counseling, support groups, advocacy, medical care, and education; and

3 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island seeks to improve services for victims/survivors of
4 sexual assault and prevent future sexual assault through public awareness and services for
5 victims; and

6 WHEREAS, We hold forth a vision of a community free from violence; now, therefore
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,
9 in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against sexual violence, hereby proclaims
10 April 5, 2012 to be the “2012 Sexual Assault Awareness Month - Day of Action” and urges all
11 citizens to take an active role in ending sexual violence; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Day One, the state’s primary provider of sexual
14 assault services.

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