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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

JOINT RESOLUTION

RELATIVE TO THE RECOGNITION AND VALIDITY OF OUT-OF-STATE AND FOREIGN
SAME-SEX MARRIAGES

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Maher, Cote, Lombardo, and Walaska

Date Introduced: May 17, 2012

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

1 WHEREAS, By his Executive Order 2012-02 issued May 14, 2012, the Governor
2 purported to recognize same-sex marriages, so-called, contracted in other jurisdictions, and in so
3 doing stated that “Rhode Island law does not explicitly prohibit *or state any public policy* against
4 recognizing the lawful, out-of-state marriages of same-sex couples”; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, By this General Assembly that the public policy of this state
6 discountenances the marriage of same-sex couples, and that our public policy in this regard
7 overrides any obligation of full faith and credit inasmuch as it regards a matter of paramount
8 importance to the citizens of this state.

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