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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

#### SENATE RESOLUTION

# PROCLAIMING MAY 29, 2012, AS "HOME CARE AND HOSPICE DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE 2012" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Perry, Crowley, Metts, and Walaska

Date Introduced: May 29, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1	WHEREAS, Home care services provide high quality and compassionate health care
2	services to those in need, especially at times of community or personal health care crisis; and
3	WHEREAS, Home care is the most preferred method of health care delivery among
4	disabled, elderly, and chronically ill individuals eager to live independently in their own homes as
5	long as they possibly can; and
6	WHEREAS, Home care allows families to stay together and provides for greater health,
7	dignity, and comfort in our communities; and
8	WHEREAS, Home care is a growing alternative to hospitalization or other institution-
9	based forms of health care for acute and chronic illnesses, providing care to millions of
10	Americans each year; and
11	WHEREAS, Thousands of everyday heroes such as home care nurses, therapists, and
12	aides work tirelessly to provide professional help and palliative care and support to millions of
13	Americans in need of quality health services; and
14	WHEREAS, Hospice care provides humane and comforting support for terminally ill
15	patients and their families, including pain control, palliative medical care, and social, emotional,
16	and spiritual services; and
17	WHEREAS, Hospice fulfills the basic human needs of feeling comfortable in familiar
18	surroundings and of attaining physical and emotional peace during the last stage of life; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Partnership for Home Care, which represents the voice of

home care and hospice care, has declared that Health Care is Coming Home; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
hereby recognizes May 29, 2012, as "Home Care and Hospice Day at the State House 2012" in
Rhode Island; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mary Benway, President of the Rhode Island
Partnership for Home Care.

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