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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013**

**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 16TH OF 2013 TO BE "STEP FAMILY DAY" IN THE STATE  
OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Tomasso, and Phillips

Date Introduced: June 27, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Founded by Christy Borgeld in 1997, National Step Family Day is  
2           celebrated annually on September 16<sup>th</sup>. It is a day to honor all the "StepHeroes" who choose to be  
3           parents to all the children in their lives; and

4           WHEREAS, In the United States, one out of every three people live in a step family and  
5           more than fifty percent of all Americans will be involved in some form of step family relationship  
6           at some point in their lives; and

7           WHEREAS, Sometimes called a "blended" or a reconstituted family, thirty percent of  
8           America's children are growing up in families in which either one or both members of a couple  
9           have children from their previous relationships; and

10           WHEREAS, Forming healthy relationships and strong family structures is crucial to a  
11           child's development and individual growth; and

12           WHEREAS, Celebration of this day gives stepparents, their children, and individual  
13           family members some much deserved recognition for the value and strength they provide to the  
14           very fabric of our society; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
2 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims September 16, 2013, to be "Step Family Day" in our  
3 state. We furthermore urge all families to celebrate this day by spending time with the special  
4 people in their lives.

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