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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MARCH 19, 2013, AS "ANNUAL SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION DAY" IN
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Picard, Walaska, Lombardo, Sheehan, and Archambault

Date Introduced: March 14, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well-being
2 and help meet the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and
3 empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty; and

4 WHEREAS, Social work is a profession for those who have a passion to empower
5 individuals, families, groups, and the communities they serve in order to create progressive
6 change in clinical and macro settings; and

7 WHEREAS, Social work education prepares students for work as qualified professionals.
8 Social work education offers these future professionals a foundation of core values including:
9 service, social justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationship,
10 integrity, and competence; and

11 WHEREAS, Social work students are taught aspects of cultural competence, diversity,
12 ethics, and policy in order to confront and eliminate social injustices; and

13 WHEREAS, Employment of social workers is expected to increase at a rate that is much
14 faster than the average for all occupations. Concern about crime, juvenile delinquency, and
15 services for individuals and groups in crises is impelling the necessity for more social workers;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Rhode Island College School of Social work, Providence College
18 Department of Social Work, Salve Regina University Department of Social Work, and the
19 Community College of Rhode Island Social Work Education Program are helping to respond to

1 the pressing call for future social workers through comprehensive education and training
2 programs; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
4 hereby proclaims March 19, 2013, to be “Annual Social Work Education Day” in the State of
5 Rhode Island. We encourage educators, students, and citizens of this state to participate in this
6 day, acknowledging the wonderful education by Rhode Island College School of Social Work,
7 Providence College Department of Social Work, Salve Regina University Department of Social
8 Work, and the Community College of Rhode Island Social Work Education Program; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Chapter of the National
12 Association of Social Workers, Rhode Island College School of Social Work, Providence College
13 Department of Social Work, Salve Regina University Department of Social Work, and the
14 Community College of Rhode Island Social Work Education Program.

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