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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 11TH OF 2013 AS "CHILD CARE AWARENESS DAY" IN THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, Sosnowski, Walaska, Lynch, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: April 11, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, On April 11th of 2013, a panoply of citizens representing myriad
2 organizations and institutions from across our state will gather to celebrate the annual Child Care
3 Awareness Day; and

4 WHEREAS, This event is being held “to highlight the work of various organizations and
5 programs in the state that work every day to improve the lives of children, youth, and families by
6 providing high quality care and education”; and

7 WHEREAS, Research on the human brain reveals that an overwhelming amount of a
8 person’s lifetime brain development occurs during early childhood, before the age of three; and

9 WHEREAS, To be prepared for success, our children must receive high quality child care
10 from caregivers who have the appropriate skills, education, and training; and

11 WHEREAS, A child care teacher’s day is spent interacting with children and caring for
12 their needs, because it is through play, interaction, and socializing that children learn the
13 fundamentals about others, as well as about the world around them; and

14 WHEREAS, High quality child care is sensitive, responsive, personal, and
15 developmentally appropriate. It provides the proper nurturing that children need at one of the
16 most critical and vulnerable times in their lives; and

17 WHEREAS, It is of immense importance that Rhode Island’s children receive the highest
18 quality care and are challenged at an early age, so that they may develop the necessary abilities to
19 thrive in adulthood and someday lead our state into an even brighter future; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby proclaims the 11th of April, 2013, as “Child Care Awareness Day” in the State of Rhode
3 Island. We urge all the citizens of the state to join with us in recognizing the tremendous skills,
4 dedication, diligence, and value of the laudable child care providers who protect and nourish our
5 children and equip them for future success; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the President of the Child Care Directors
8 Association, the Director of Prevent Child Abuse RI, and the Chair of the Permanent Legislative
9 Commission on Child Care.

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