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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 9, 2013, AS "RHODE ISLAND HOME CARE AND HOSPICE DAY"

Introduced By: Senators Doyle, Paiva Weed, Satchell, Lombardi, and Sheehan

Date Introduced: May 09, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Licensed home care agencies provide a variety of high-quality health care
2 services to Rhode Islanders in their home; and

3 WHEREAS, Home care is the preferred setting for home care delivery among our state's
4 elderly, disabled, and chronically ill as they strive to live independently in the comfort of their
5 own homes and their own communities for as long as they are able; and

6 WHEREAS, Home care allows families to stay together and provides for stronger health,
7 dignity, and comfort within our communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Home care is the most cost-effective health care delivery setting versus
9 hospitalization and other institutional-based health care settings for acute and chronic conditions;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Our state's unsung workforce of home care aides, nurses, social workers,
12 and therapists work tirelessly to provide 24-hour clinical support, palliative care, and daily living
13 assistance to Rhode Islanders in need of quality health care services in their home and deserve to
14 be recognized, supported, and applauded; and

15 WHEREAS, Hospice care provides humane and comforting support for terminally ill
16 patients and their families, including pain management, social emotional support, and spiritual
17 guidance during the final months, weeks, days, and hours of life; and

18 WHEREAS, Hospice care provides the final piece in the full circle of life by providing
19 for the basic human needs of comfort in familiar surroundings by a community of care that attains
20 physical and emotional peace during our last days; and

1 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Partnership for Home Care is the state’s unified voice for
2 home care and hospice services that demands that its members provide the highest quality of
3 health care service delivery to all Rhode Islanders in need; and

4 WHEREAS, It is critical to support those in need of health care in the home and those
5 who strive to maintain their ability to continue to live in our communities for as long as they are
6 able; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
8 hereby recognizes May 9, 2013, as Rhode Island Home Care and Hospice Day; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized to and directed to
10 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Rhode Island Executive
11 Office of Health and Human Services, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Human
12 Services, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health, the Director of the Rhode Island
13 Division of Elderly Affairs, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral
14 Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals, and the President of the Rhode Island
15 Partnership for Home Care.

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