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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND ADOPT A
MANDATORY CHILD ABUSE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ANIMAL ABUSE CROSS
REPORTING SYSTEM

Introduced By: Representatives Morgan, Trillo, Costa, Newberry, and Chippendale

Date Introduced: January 29, 2014

Referred To: House Judiciary

1 WHEREAS, The District of Columbia, Illinois, Connecticut, and West Virginia have
2 fully mandated two-way cross reporting, in which animal/welfare personnel must report to each
3 other; and

4 WHEREAS, There is a well-documented link between animal abusers and those who
5 commit other acts of violence, especially of domestic violence and child abuse; and

6 WHEREAS, Animal control and humane officers that have first-hand knowledge of
7 animal abuse may also have knowledge of domestic violence and child abuse; and

8 WHEREAS, The Department of Children, Youth and Families has first-hand knowledge
9 of domestic violence and may also have knowledge of animal abuse; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
11 Providence Plantations hereby respectfully requests that all child protection/domestic violence
12 case workers report suspected animal abuse to animal control/humane officer agencies; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
15 Providence Plantations hereby respectfully requests that all animal control and humane officers
16 must report suspected child abuse and/or domestic violence to Child Protection/Domestic
17 Violence agencies; and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
- 2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Grange Legislative Director.

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