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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2014, TO BE "COMMUNITY HEALTH
WORKERS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Slater, Williams, Almeida, and Cimini

Date Introduced: April 29, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Community Health Workers (CHWs) are public health professionals who
2 promote full and equal access to necessary health and social services by applying their unique
3 understanding of the experiences, languages, and culture of the communities they serve; and

4 WHEREAS, By serving in a unique role, Community Health Workers work to improve
5 access to health care, connecting people to essential services and reducing health disparities based
6 on race, ethnicity, gender, and class; and

7 WHEREAS, Community Health Workers provide direct services, including informal
8 counseling and social support, and advocate for individual and community needs; and

9 WHEREAS, It is fitting for all Rhode Island residents to acknowledge the work of
10 Community Health Workers and their dedication to the neighborhoods and communities they
11 serve; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
13 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims the month of April, 2014, to be "Community Health
14 Workers Month" in the state. We furthermore recognize and thank Rhode Island's Community
15 Health Workers (CHWs) for the important contributions they make toward improving the quality
16 of life for the citizens of our state; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Community Health Worker Association of
19 Rhode Island and Dannie Ritchie, MD, MPH, Director, Community Health Initiatives of Rhode

1 Island.

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