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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING AND RECOGNIZING MAY 1, 2014 AS "NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER"  
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Metts, Paiva Weed, Felag, Walaska, and Pichardo

Date Introduced: May 01, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, During times of strength and times of weakness, in moments of joy and  
2 moments of despair, Americans of many different faiths and traditions have turned to prayer as a  
3 means of seeking comfort, giving thanks, and asking for guidance and grace; and

4           WHEREAS, Prayer brings communities together and can be a source of inspiration and  
5 courage. In the aftermath of senseless acts of violence and unnecessary suffering and death, the  
6 prayers of countless Americans signal to grieving families and communities that they are not  
7 alone. Their pain is a shared pain, and their hope is a shared hope. Regardless of religion or creed,  
8 Americans of faith reflect on the sacredness of life and express their sympathy for the wounded  
9 and the recovering, offering comfort and holding up a light in a time of darkness; and

10           WHEREAS, Today, Americans continue the tradition of our ancestors by acknowledging  
11 the power of prayer in our lives and cherishing our right to pray freely; and

12           WHEREAS, The tradition of national supplication was made official in 1952, when  
13 President Harry Truman signed a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress establishing a floating  
14 annual national day of prayer. Finally, in 1988, President Ronald Reagan set the date for the  
15 annual prayer day as the first Thursday in May; and

16           WHEREAS, The Christian Bible underscores the precious promise of faith in 2  
17 Chronicles 7:14, "if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and  
18 seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive  
19 their sin and will heal their land"; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
2 hereby proclaims and recognizes May 1, 2014, as "National Day of Prayer" in Rhode Island; and  
3 be it further

4           RESOLVED, That all Rhode Islanders are encouraged to set aside a particular moment  
5 on this day to participate in this meaningful spiritual event and to encourage their friends and  
6 neighbors to observe this year's National Day of Prayer according to their own faith or practice.

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