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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 17, 2015 TO BE "SHINE A LIGHT ON HEROIN DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, AND COMMENDING WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND AND STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT FOR THEIR JOINT EFFORTS TO COMBAT THIS CRISIS

Introduced By: Senators Algiere, Miller, Ottiano, Felag, and Sheehan

Date Introduced: January 14, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The heroin crisis that has gripped so many cities and towns in our nation,
2 has caused irreparable harm and grief in the lives of many Americans. Recently, community
3 activists and leaders in Westerly, Rhode Island, and Stonington, Connecticut, have been working
4 tirelessly to combat this deadly epidemic at the local levels; and

5 WHEREAS, A nascent movement that began with approximately fifteen members has
6 grown to fifty members through the power of community action and social media. Local residents
7 have been volunteering their time, organizing fundraising events and educating the community
8 about the dangers the heroin crisis presents to their community; and

9 WHEREAS, On January 17th of 2015, "Shine a Light on Heroin Day" will be
10 commemorated in Westerly and Stonington. Thanks to the support of community volunteers, the
11 local police departments and first responders, and several local businesses, many people will be
12 educated about the danger of heroin to their community, and lives may be saved as a result of
13 these efforts; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
15 hereby proclaims January 17, 2015, to be "Shine a Light on Heroin Day" in Rhode Island.
16 Furthermore, we congratulate the communities of Westerly, Rhode Island, and Stonington,
17 Connecticut, for their actions in combating this crisis; 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 Westerly Town Council.

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