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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 11TH OF 2015 TO BE UNITED WAY 2-1-1 DAY IN THE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senators Pichardo, Paiva Weed, Algieri, and Satchell

Date Introduced: February 10, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, United Way of Rhode Island is formally commemorating National 2-1-1  
2 Day on Wednesday, February 11, 2015; and

3           WHEREAS, Through a partnership of state agencies, nonprofit organizations and  
4 corporate support United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island was established in 2007 to help Rhode  
5 Islanders navigate a complex human services network; and

6           WHEREAS, With more than one million calls taken so far, United Way 2-1-1 continues  
7 to provide free and confidential information and referral service. Staffed by trained call  
8 specialists, 2-1-1 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and averages 200,000 calls per  
9 year; and

10           WHEREAS, 2-1-1 connects people to multiple human services, from locating childcare  
11 to information on free tax assistance programs, to help for substance abuse and finding elder care  
12 services; and

13           WHEREAS, 2-1-1 plays a critical role during times of natural disasters, recently handling  
14 more than 2,000 calls during the recent Juno Blizzard; and

15           WHEREAS, United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island recognizes the value of strong  
16 partnerships with community-based organizations and state agencies to ensure Rhode Islanders  
17 can get the services they need when they need it most; now, therefore be it

18           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
19 hereby declares February 11, 2015, to be "United Way 2-1-1 Day" in Rhode Island; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

3 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Anthony Maione, President and CEO, United

4 Way of Rhode Island.

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