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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

Introduced By: Senators Algiere, Paiva Weed, Goodwin, DiPalma, and Ottiano

Date Introduced: March 18, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Saint Joseph, Holy Patriarch and Patron Saint of Workers, known by his  
2 deeds, was a man of quiet courage and deep faith who was tested in Nazareth, Bethlehem, and  
3 Egypt; and

4           WHEREAS, Humble yet noble, patient yet determined, Saint Joseph accepted his  
5 burdens and bore them with dignity, all the while exhibiting an enduring strength as family  
6 patriarch, guide, and guardian during the most perilous of times; and

7           WHEREAS, Saint Joseph is celebrated by Christians around the world, from the tropical  
8 heat of the Philippines, to the ancient thoroughfares of Rome, to the storied walls of San Juan  
9 Capistrano, as the embodiment of family solidarity – a dedicated, humble, hardworking father and  
10 husband; and

11           WHEREAS, On March 19<sup>th</sup>, the annual celebration of the Feast of Saint Joseph – nearly  
12 2000 years after his sojourn on earth came to an end – Italian-Americans and all others renew  
13 their efforts to emulate the just peace of a loving and beloved man, the wealth of faith, and the  
14 noble overcoming of adversity displayed by Saint Joseph; and

15           WHEREAS, Italians and Italian-Americans celebrate the prevention of a Sicilian famine  
16 in the Middle Ages as a miracle attributed to Saint Joseph; and

17           WHEREAS, Italian immigrants to Rhode Island helped form the cultural foundation of  
18 our state and today they sing the praises of Saint Joseph as songs of inclusion, of strength  
19 tempered by faith, of sacrifice for family, and of the glorious gift of honest labor; now, therefore  
20 be it

1           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
2 hereby commemorates the celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph and the principles his life  
3 celebrates; and be it further

4           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Italian American Historical Society of  
6 Rhode Island.

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