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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JUNE 8TH OF 2015, AS "WORLD OCEANS DAY" IN THE STATE OF
RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Goldin, Algiere, Archambault, Sosnowski, and Coyne

Date Introduced: June 02, 2015

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Thousands of people from across the United States and around the world
2 will be gathering at a panoply of events to celebrate this year's World Oceans Day on June 8,
3 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, World Oceans Day was officially recognized by the United Nations in
5 December of 2008, as a day of celebration and action for the world's oceans; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 2002, The Ocean Project, in partnership with many other
7 organizations and networks, including the World Ocean Network and the Association of Zoos and
8 Aquariums, has been the lead organization in promoting and coordinating World Oceans Day;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The Ocean Project, which is based in Providence, is a nonprofit
11 organization that works to advance ocean and climate conservation, in partnership with a growing
12 global network of 2,000 aquariums, zoos, science museums, and other organizations; and

13 WHEREAS, This year's theme for World Oceans Day is "Healthy oceans, healthy
14 planet," with many additional events geared towards educating citizens on the dangers and ways
15 to prevent the dangers of plastic pollution; and

16 WHEREAS, Alyssa Isakower, World Oceans Day Coordinator stated, "The ocean is the
17 heart of our planet, and like your heart pumping blood through your body, the ocean connects all
18 people across our planet. People come together on World Oceans Day to celebrate that
19 connection, and, now more than ever, also to help solve problems like plastic trash in our ocean";

1 now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby recognizes the 8th day of June, 2015, as "World Oceans Day" in our state. We
4 furthermore urge the citizens of the Ocean State to join members of The Ocean Project in
5 observing and celebrating this day through participation in appropriate programs and activities;
6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Bill Mott, Director, The Ocean Project.

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