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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING "SAVE THE LAKES" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator P Fogarty

Date Introduced: June 23, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Invasive plants can limit boating, fishing, and recreational activities, push
2 out native species, and reduce water quality. A survey conducted by the Department of
3 Environmental Management in 2012 found that nearly 63 percent of Rhode Island's fresh water
4 bodies have one or more water quality impairments, primarily, 30 percent contained at least one
5 invasive plant species; and

6 WHEREAS, Founded in 2008, Save the Lakes is an alliance of individuals and
7 associations dedicated to improving, protecting, and preserving the fresh water bodies of Rhode
8 Island for future generations; and

9 WHEREAS, Save the Lakes is the only statewide organization dedicated to the
10 preservation and protection of Rhode Island lakes, ponds, and fresh water resources; and

11 WHEREAS, Save the Lakes is an active force working to protect, restore, and explore
12 Rhode Island's fresh water resources; and

13 WHEREAS, Save the Lakes provides a forum for exchange, development, and research
14 of fresh water resources information, and advocates for better fresh water management before
15 local, State, and Federal governments and agencies; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
17 hereby recognizes "Save the Lakes" in the State of Rhode Island. We applaud its efforts and its
18 emphasis on preserving Rhode Island's fresh water bodies, and wish the organization continued
19 success in its future endeavors; and be it further

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

- 1 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Judy Colaluca, President and Co-founder of
- 2 Save the Lakes.

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