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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016**

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**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**PROCLAIMING MARCH 17, 2016, TO BE "LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE SERVICE  
DEPARTMENT DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Almeida, Jacquard, Tobon, and Johnston

Date Introduced: March 15, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, On every day of the year, law enforcement officers and fire service  
2 department professionals work diligently and tirelessly to protect the people and property in  
3 Rhode Island; and

4           WHEREAS, These dedicated individuals undergo rigorous training and extensively study  
5 safety and protection issues in order to best serve the residents of our great state. Their  
6 responsibilities require an abundance of physical strength, courage, and stamina, and an abiding  
7 and selfless concern for the safety of others; and

8           WHEREAS, Our law enforcement officers and fire department personnel protect our  
9 schools, public meeting places, our homes and our physical safety twenty-four hours a day, every  
10 day of the year. It is because of them that we are able to go about our daily lives with a reasonable  
11 expectation of being safe and secure; and

12           WHEREAS, All too often, these devoted public service heroes pay the ultimate price in  
13 order to protect us from dangerous and hazardous situations. These dedicated servants always  
14 answer the call and always come to the aid of those in need, regardless of the dangers they face or  
15 the possible consequences they may endure; and

16           WHEREAS, There are more than 900,000 men and women serving in law enforcement  
17 agencies across the United States. Over the past ten years, approximately 1,500 have lost their  
18 lives in the line of duty. Law enforcement officers have also been the victim of approximately  
19 580,000 assaults over the past ten years and suffered more than 156,000 injuries during that same

1 period. In 2015, 124 law enforcement officers were killed in on-duty incidents; and

2 WHEREAS, There are approximately 1,140,750 firefighters currently serving in the  
3 United States. Over the past ten years, 965 of these first responders perished in the line of duty  
4 and approximately 800,000 were injured while responding to emergency calls for assistance. In  
5 2015, 85 fire service personnel were killed in on-duty incidents; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
7 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims March 17, 2016, to be "Law Enforcement and Fire  
8 Service Department Day" in the State of Rhode Island. We furthermore thank the members of this  
9 "fraternity" for their tireless, diligent and valorous service on every day to the citizens of Rhode  
10 Island; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
12 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Paul Reed, President of the Rhode Island  
13 Association of Fire Fighters, Colonel Hugh Clements, President, Rhode Island Police Chiefs'  
14 Association, Colonel Steven G. O'Donnell, Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police and  
15 Bob Sweeney, President, RES Associates.

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