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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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

**PROCLAIMING AND RECOGNIZING MAY 5, 2016, AS "NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER"
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Tobon, Barros, Melo, Coughlin, and Solomon

Date Introduced: May 05, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, During times of strength and times of weakness, in moments of joy and
2 moments of despair, Americans of many different faiths and traditions have turned to prayer as a
3 means of seeking comfort, giving thanks, and asking for guidance and grace; and

4 WHEREAS, Prayer brings communities together and can be a source of inspiration and
5 courage. In the aftermath of senseless acts of violence and unnecessary suffering and death, the
6 prayers of countless Americans signal to grieving families and communities that they are not
7 alone. Their pain is a shared pain, and their hope is a shared hope. Regardless of religion or creed,
8 Americans of faith reflect on the sacredness of life and express their sympathy for the wounded
9 and the recovering, offering comfort and holding up a light in a time of darkness; and

10 WHEREAS, Today, Americans continue the tradition of our ancestors by acknowledging
11 the power of prayer in our lives and cherishing our right to pray freely; and

12 WHEREAS, The tradition of national supplication was made official in 1952, when
13 President Harry Truman signed a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress establishing a floating
14 annual national day of prayer. Finally, in 1988, President Ronald Reagan set the date for the
15 annual prayer day as the first Thursday in May; and

16 WHEREAS, The Christian Bible underscores the precious promise of faith in 2
17 Chronicles 7:14, "if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and
18 seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive
19 their sin and will heal their land"; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
2 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims and recognizes May 5, 2016, as "National Day of
3 Prayer" in Rhode Island; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That all Rhode Islanders are encouraged to set aside a particular moment
5 on this day to participate in this meaningful spiritual event and to encourage their friends and
6 neighbors to observe this year's National Day of Prayer according to their own faith or practice.

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