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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**

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

Introduced By: Representatives Keable, Coughlin, Johnston, Blazejewski, and Casey

Date Introduced: May 26, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

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 House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
17 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes "Save the Lakes" in the State of Rhode Island. We  
18 applaud its efforts and its emphasis on preserving Rhode Island's fresh water bodies, and wish the  
19 organization continued 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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