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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD, 2016, AS "TNC DAY" IN THE STATE OF
RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Pichardo, Paiva Weed, Algieri, Lombardi, and Sheehan

Date Introduced: March 03, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1951, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), has diligently
2 endeavored to "conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends" and has done more to
3 achieve this noble mission and advance conservation, than any other organization on earth; and

4 WHEREAS, Through worldwide partnerships, chapters, and coalitions, The Nature
5 Conservancy is working to make a lasting difference in 69 countries, and has enlisted the efforts
6 of more than 600 scientists and spatial analysts; and

7 WHEREAS, In Caribbean island nations such as the Dominican Republic, fresh water, so
8 essential and elemental to life itself, is a very scarce resource. TNC has worked to introduce water
9 funds and tools to implement water conservation efforts. In 2013, two funds were established in
10 the Dominican Republic, one of which supports the nation's watersheds and another that focuses
11 on the largest river system in the country, the Yaque del Norte. The resultant benefits of these
12 two funds have provided 60 percent of the country's population with fresh water; and

13 WHEREAS, In the Ocean State, The Nature Conservancy of Rhode Island's goal "is to
14 protect the natural character of our beautiful state." Efforts include protecting land and
15 freshwater, restoring healthy coastal waters, the restoration of oyster reefs and fishing habitats,
16 and encouraging the citizens of the state to explore and enjoy the "wonders of nature"; and

17 WHEREAS, Theodore Roosevelt wisely stated, "To waste, to destroy our natural
18 resources, to skin and exhaust the land instead of using it so as to increase its usefulness, will
19 result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we ought by right to

1 hand down to them amplified and developed"; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby proclaims Thursday, March 3rd, 2016, to be "TNC Day." We moreover recognize and
4 extend our sincere gratitude to those who have helped TNC to enrich our lives and build a
5 brighter future for generations to come; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Terry Sullivan, State Director of the Nature
8 Conservancy of Rhode Island.

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