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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 28, 2016, TO BE "NATIONAL UTILITY CONTRACTORS
ASSOCIATION OF RHODE ISLAND DAY"

Introduced By: Senators P Fogarty, Paiva Weed, Lombardo, Lombardi, and Walaska

Date Introduced: April 28, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, National Utility Contractors Association of Rhode Island (NUCARI) was
2 founded in 1973, and represents over two hundred Member Contractors, Associate Members,
3 Institutional Members and Professional Members which serve the underground utility
4 construction industry with the mission of promoting safety and responsible installation and
5 rehabilitation of new and existing underground utility infrastructure consisting of water, sewer,
6 gas, electrical, telecommunications, water and wastewater treatment plants, dams, and landfills;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, NUCARI brings the underground utility construction industry,
9 policymakers, and stakeholders together as they focus on long-range underground utility
10 infrastructure development; and

11 WHEREAS, The terrible developments in Flint, Michigan, have clearly demonstrated the
12 critical need to repair, maintain and rehabilitate underground utilities, particularly safe water
13 delivery; and

14 WHEREAS, NUCARI advocates for robust government services, which focus on damage
15 assessment, prevention issues, and convene discussion on responsible and safe installation; and

16 WHEREAS, NUCARI is composed of a diverse membership of recognized licensed
17 utility contractors, site developers, engineers, heavy equipment dealers, equipment suppliers, law
18 firms, insurance bonding agents, and anyone with an interest in underground utility contracting in
19 Rhode Island; and

1 WHEREAS, NUCARI delivers this mission through the platforms of advocacy,
2 education, and information by working with elected officials, administrators, and professional
3 staff of all municipalities and stakeholders in conjunction with state agencies, including
4 legislative and executive leadership; and

5 WHEREAS, NUCARI is proactively involved in the formulation of policy and legislation
6 critical to the utility construction industry by addressing safety issues, regulatory compliance, and
7 underground utility infrastructure needs within the State of Rhode Island; and

8 WHEREAS, NUCARI continues to increase its efforts to educate stakeholders,
9 policymakers, and elected officials statewide; and

10 WHEREAS, NUCARI will host its inaugural NUCARI Day on April 28, 2016, to raise
11 awareness on the need for safety in the industry, to convey that message to members of the Rhode
12 Island General Assembly, and allow interaction with policymakers at every level; now, therefore
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
15 hereby commends NUCARI for its efforts in promoting safe and responsible installation of
16 underground utilities in the State of Rhode Island and recognizes April 28, 2016, as NUCARI
17 Day in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit duly certified copies of this Resolution to the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode
20 Island, Gina Raimondo, and the Honorable Rhode Island Secretary of State, Nellie Gorbea, and
21 Tony Raposo, President of NUCARI.

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