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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**PROCLAIMING MAY, 2016, AS "COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF  
RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senator M. Teresa Paiva Weed

Date Introduced: May 10, 2016

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the "War on Poverty"  
2 proclamation and introduced initiatives designed to improve access to economic resources, as  
3 well as education, health, skills, and jobs for those struggling to make ends meet; and

4           WHEREAS, In order to implement these initiatives, myriad community action agencies  
5 across the country were founded. In the 1970s, the Rhode Island Community Action Association  
6 was established as a statewide network of Community Action Programs (CAP agencies) that  
7 work individually and collectively "to eliminate the causes and effects of poverty and to open  
8 doors to self-sufficiency and better lives"; and

9           WHEREAS, The dedicated efforts of the Rhode Island Community Action Association  
10 have helped improve the quality of life for more than 200,000 households, spread throughout all  
11 thirty-nine cities and towns in the State of Rhode Island; and

12           WHEREAS, Replacing despair with opportunity, community action agencies have put a  
13 human face on poverty for the past 52 years by advocating for limited-income citizens without a  
14 voice, so that they may enter the middle class and reach for the American dream; and

15           WHEREAS, Across the country, millions of Americans have been provided with  
16 essential, life-changing services and opportunities such as affordable housing, economic  
17 development, health care, energy assistance, natural relief and recovery, and through these  
18 agencies efforts to build and promote self-sufficiency and stability for families across our state,  
19 Rhode Island's communities and our state has grown economically stronger; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
2 hereby proclaims May, 2016, to be "Community Action Month" in recognition of the dedicated  
3 efforts of the Rhode Island Community Action Association; and be it further

4           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Paula M. McFarland, BA, Executive  
6 Director, Rhode Island Community Action Association.

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