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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE 226TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF "HOPE DAY:
BIRTH OF OUR NATION"

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, Felag, Metts, Lynch Prata, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: May 26, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Two hundred and twenty-six years ago, on May 29, 1790, in the City of
2 Newport, the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention was convened for the purpose of resolving
3 the adoption of the proposed Constitution that would create the United States of America; and

4 WHEREAS, Fourteen years and twenty-five days had passed since the revolutionary
5 English Colony of Rhode Island had declared itself separate and free from any allegiance to Great
6 Britain on May 4th of 1776, and two years, eight months, and twelve days had elapsed since the
7 Philadelphia Constitutional Convention had adopted the proposed Constitution for the United
8 States of America on September 17th of 1787; and

9 WHEREAS, On a vote of thirty-four to thirty-two, Rhode Island's Constitutional
10 Delegation adopted the proposed Constitution of the United States and thus became the thirteenth
11 and the last of the original states to ratify and complete the Union; and

12 WHEREAS, The great bell of the Second Baptist Church on Farewell Street rang
13 joyously accompanied by an exuberant carillon of all Newport's churches, and the dancing in the
14 streets of the City of Providence combined with great celebrations across the state to herald in the
15 newborn State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, the Hope State, and to mark the
16 "Birth of Our Nation"; and

17 WHEREAS, By Rhode Island's revolutionary legislative action, resonating precisely two
18 months later with the collective action of the Declaration of Independence, the United States of
19 America was formally conceived in Liberty and the hope of America's Founding Fathers was

1 fulfilled; and

2 WHEREAS, Rhode Island's prominent stature in these historic events has surely rendered
3 our state eminently deserving of the slogan, "The Birthplace of Our Nation"; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
5 hereby commemorates the 226th Anniversary Celebration Of "Hope Day: Birth Of Our Nation";
6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Gina Raimondo, Governor of the
9 State of Rhode Island, and G. Brian Sullivan, Ph.D., Executive Director, Newportant Foundation.

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