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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND ADOPT A
MANDATORY CHILD ABUSE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ANIMAL ABUSE CROSS
REPORTING SYSTEM**

Introduced By: Representatives Morgan, Nardolillo, Roberts, Mendonca, and Giarrusso

Date Introduced: February 03, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

1 WHEREAS, The District of Columbia, Illinois, Connecticut, and West Virginia have
2 fully mandated two-way cross reporting, in which animal/welfare personnel must report to each
3 other; and

4 WHEREAS, There is a well-documented link between animal abusers and those who
5 commit other acts of violence, especially of domestic violence and child abuse; and

6 WHEREAS, Animal control and humane officers that have first-hand knowledge of
7 animal abuse may also have knowledge of domestic violence and child abuse; and

8 WHEREAS, The Department of Children, Youth and Families has first-hand knowledge
9 of domestic violence and may also have knowledge of animal abuse; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby respectfully requests that all
11 child protection/domestic violence case workers report suspected animal abuse to animal
12 control/humane officer agencies; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby respectfully requests that all
14 animal control and humane officers must report suspected child abuse and/or domestic violence
15 to Child Protection/Domestic Violence agencies; and be it further

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- 1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
- 2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Grange Legislative Director.

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