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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS TO CONSIDER THE CONSTITUTIONALITY AND MORALITY OF LAWS AND ORDERS EMERGING FROM THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION BEFORE CARRYING OUT SUCH LAWS AND ORDERS

Introduced By: Representatives Regunberg, Ranglin-Vassell, Walsh, Almeida, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: February 16, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

1 WHEREAS, The moral principles, democratic institutions, and rule of law of the United
2 States of America are only preserved through the vigilance of the people against threats to liberty,
3 fairness, integrity, independence, and transparency; and

4 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump lost the national popular vote by nearly three
5 million votes; and

6 WHEREAS, Voter suppression measures in North Carolina, Florida, Wisconsin, and
7 other states may have been a determining factor in the electoral college victory of Donald J.
8 Trump; and

9 WHEREAS, The electoral interference of Russia may have been a determining factor in
10 the electoral college victory of Donald J. Trump; and

11 WHEREAS, The electoral interference of FBI Director James Comey may have been a
12 determining factor in the electoral college victory of Donald J. Trump; and

13 WHEREAS, The business conflicts of the Trump Organization are a clear violation of the
14 Emoluments Clause of the Constitution and create unknown obligations of Donald J. Trump to
15 the governments of Russia, China, and others; and

16 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump refuses to disclose his financial obligations and
17 liabilities through the release of his tax returns as has been the norm for modern presidents; and

18 WHEREAS, The Trump regime continues to use the Office of the Presidency to illegally
19 promote the private profit of the Trump brands and intimidate private companies; and

1 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump continues to disregard the constitutional
2 separation of powers and threatens the independence of the judiciary branch; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
4 Providence Plantations hereby urges all government officials and citizens who are tasked with
5 enforcing the laws and edicts of the Trump regime to carefully consider the legitimacy,
6 constitutionality and morality of those laws and edicts before enforcing them; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That this House urges all service members and officers in the military and
8 national guard to refuse to engage in violent repression of US citizens and residents engaged in
9 peaceful demonstrations, protests, dissent, and other exercises of First Amendment rights; and be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That this House urges border and immigration officials to refuse to
12 implement unconstitutional discrimination based on religion or ethnicity; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That this House urges all regulatory officials to avoid suppressing
14 necessary information or providing false information to the American people regarding science,
15 economic data, demographic data, or any other facts necessary to the functioning of a fully
16 informed citizenry; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That this House urges national security and judiciary officials to hold the
18 Trump regime accountable to previously established legal standards; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That this House calls upon all citizens serving on jury duty to use the
20 temporary powers granted to them to protect their fellow citizens from draconian repressions
21 based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, class, or political expression. The
22 house moreover recognizes that the moral responsibility of upholding the fundamental principles,
23 rights, and protections of our nation is a responsibility shared by all people in our society; and be
24 it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
26 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, Donald J.
27 Trump, and the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation.

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