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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 13 THROUGH MAY 19, 2018, TO BE "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND", IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Introduced By: Senators Coyne, Algieri, Archambault, Satchell, and Sheehan

Date Introduced: May 16, 2018

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, In 1962, President John Kennedy, signed a proclamation declaring May
2 15th of each year to be National Police Officers Memorial Day and the week in which May 15
3 falls to be National Police Week. In 1994, President Bill Jefferson Clinton directed that the
4 United States Flag be flown at half-staff every May 15th; and

5 WHEREAS, This year, during the week of May 13 through May 19, we remember and
6 honor all the brave men and women serving as police and law enforcement officers through the
7 years who made the ultimate sacrifice in order to protect the public and in service to our nation;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The FBI database states that from 2008 to 2017, a total of 1,023 police
10 officers lost their lives in the line of duty across the United States. In 2016, 135 law enforcement
11 officers lost their lives in the line of duty, and last year 129 officers lost their lives; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP), a nonprofit
13 organization that keeps track of all statistics and facts related to law enforcement officers killed in
14 the line of duty, since 1791, there have been 23,305 known line-of-duty deaths, including 50 from
15 the State of Rhode Island; and

16 WHEREAS, Each year during National Police Week, approximately 25,000 to 40,000
17 attendees congregate in Washington D.C. at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
18 where they attend vigils and services in honor and memory of all the police and law enforcement

1 officers who have perished in service to our nation; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby proclaims the week of May 13 through May 19, 2018, to be National Police Week in the
4 State of Rhode Island; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the International Brotherhood of Police
7 Officers, and to Mr. Chuck Canterbury, National President, Fraternal Order of Police.

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