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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019**

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

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2019, TO BE "COMMUNITY HEALTH  
WORKERS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Slater, Tobon, Maldonado, and Vella-Wilkinson

Date Introduced: April 10, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Community Health Workers (CHWs) are professional non-clinicians who  
2 seek to promote the community's voice within the health care system. They provide a forum to  
3 share resources and strategies and advocate for underserved populations while making health  
4 services more culturally and linguistically appropriate; and

5           WHEREAS, Community Health Worker professionals work to improve access to health  
6 care and advance health equity and self-sufficiency through a range of activities including  
7 outreach, community education, counseling, and social support with an overall goal of  
8 eliminating health disparities based on race, ethnicity, gender, and class; and

9           WHEREAS, Community Health Worker professionals improve workforce diversity, a  
10 critical step in achieving health equity; and

11           WHEREAS, The Community Health Worker workforce is an apprenticeable profession  
12 according to the Rhode Island State Department of Labor and Training and the Rhode Island  
13 Department of Health; now, therefore be it

14           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
15 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims April, 2019, to be "Community Health Workers Month"  
16 in the State of Rhode Island. We furthermore thank them for the significant and important  
17 contributions they make towards improving the quality of life for the citizens of our state; and be  
18 it further

19           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

- 1 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dianne (Dannie) Catherine Ritchie, MD, MPH,
- 2 Brown University Center for Primary Care and Prevention.

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