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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 8TH – 14TH, 2020, TO BE "AMERICORPS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Cassar, Filippi, Shekarchi, Williams, and Serpa

Date Introduced: March 11, 2020

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, In the words of Mahatma Gandhi, “The best way to find yourself is to lose
2 yourself in the service of others”; and

3 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps is the "domestic Peace Corps." Across the country, the program
4 has one million plus alumni, and currently, 75,000 members are serving in 21,000 locations; and

5 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps has proven to be an effective way to engage Americans in
6 meeting a wide range of local needs with full and part-time volunteers engaging in intensive,
7 results-driven community service; and

8 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members provide invaluable public service to local
9 communities by tutoring and mentoring children, facilitating afterschool programs and
10 educational enrichment activities, conducting and supporting early childhood education, and
11 working with health, safety and affordable housing programs; and

12 WHEREAS, Through ServeRI, Rhode Island’s Commission for National and Community
13 Service, AmeriCorps Rhode Island provides members with the opportunity to participate in state-
14 wide events, and to serve in the state or elsewhere in the country in a multitude of programs; and

15 WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1994, the service commission has led 7,500
16 AmeriCorps members of all ages and backgrounds to complete more than 11 million volunteer
17 hours, providing environmental education, increasing access to affordable housing, and
18 supporting children's success in schools throughout the State; and

19 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps initiatives foster an ethic of service and civic responsibility that

1 continues to enrich community life in Rhode Island; and

2 WHEREAS, Rhode Island's AmeriCorps alums are well positioned to utilize their energy
3 and talents to address the most pressing problems facing our communities, and to continue to
4 inspire others to do so as well; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
6 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims March 8th-14th, 2020, as "AmeriCorps Week" in the
7 State of Rhode Island. In so doing, we urge all citizens to thank AmeriCorps members and
8 alumni for their service and to find their own ways to give back to their communities; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to ServeRI, C/O Angélica Infante-Green,
12 Commissioner, Rhode Island Department of Education.

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