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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING "NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK" ON MAY 9TH THROUGH MAY 15TH  
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Joshua Miller

Date Introduced: May 11, 2021

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, National Hospital Day was set aside in honor of Florence Nightingale, the  
2 woman who made nursing a respectable profession and who revolutionized the way hospitals  
3 were run. The May 12th observance was expanded to a week-long event in 1953, so that hospitals  
4 could use it to plan and implement more extensive public information programs, and is currently  
5 sponsored by the American Hospital Association; and

6           WHEREAS, National Hospital Week 2021 celebrates "Inspiring Hope through Healing"  
7 and the hospitals, health systems, and the women and men who support the health and well-being  
8 of their communities through dedication and care from the heart; and

9           WHEREAS, The more than 6,090 hospitals across the country are an economic mainstay  
10 employing more than 6.2 million persons across the United States; and

11           WHEREAS, Hospitals in Rhode Island have generated 40,980 jobs and contributed \$6.7  
12 billion to our local economies, dispensing a significant impact on both community health and the  
13 economy at large; and

14           WHEREAS, Providing everything from emergency care, labor and delivery, minor  
15 surgery and specialized care, hospitals big and small fill a vital need in our communities and  
16 every nurse, doctor, practitioner and staff member are essential in the compassionate delivery of  
17 the much needed quality services; and

18           WHEREAS, National Hospital Week is a time to raise awareness of the importance of  
19 hospitals and health systems and to highlight the critical role hospitals and healthcare

1 professionals have in our local communities; now, therefore be it

2           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby recognizes May 9th  
3 through May 15th as "National Hospital Week" and acknowledges and thanks Rhode Island's  
4 healthcare professionals for working diligently to provide countless men, women, and families  
5 with quality health services and for building a brighter tomorrow for future generations; and be it  
6 further

7           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Hospital  
9 Association of Rhode Island.

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