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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING "NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK" ON MAY 11TH THROUGH MAY 17TH,  
2025, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Serpa, Chippendale, Fellela,  
Costantino, Lima, Noret, Read, and Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: May 15, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

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, in order that  
4 hospitals could use it to plan and implement more extensive public information programs, and is  
5 currently sponsored by the American Hospital Association; and

6 WHEREAS, National Hospital Week 2025 celebrates hospitals, health systems, and the  
7 women and men who support the health and well-being of their communities through dedication  
8 and care from the heart; and

9 WHEREAS, America's Hospitals and healthcare systems deliver 3.6 million babies,  
10 employ 7.4 million people, and provide emergency care to 155 million people across the country;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Hospitals in Rhode Island have generated more than 60,000 jobs and  
13 contributed \$11.7 billion in total economic output, and \$779.3 million in state and local tax  
14 revenue resulting in a significant impact on both community health and the economy at large in  
15 2024; and

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

1           WHEREAS, National Hospital Week is a time to raise awareness of the importance of  
2 hospitals and health systems and to highlight the critical role hospitals and healthcare  
3 professionals have in our local communities; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
5 recognizes May 11th through May 17th as "National Hospital Week" and acknowledges and  
6 thanks Rhode Island's healthcare professionals for working diligently to provide countless men,  
7 women, and families with quality health services and for building a brighter tomorrow for future  
8 generations; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Howard Dulude, Interim President of the  
11 Hospital Association of Rhode Island.

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