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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING APRIL 29, 2011, AS THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION'S "WORLD WISH DAY"

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, DaSilva, E Coderre, Kennedy, and Azzinaro Date Introduced: April 28, 2011 Referred To: House read and passed

WHEREAS, "World Wish Day" is the annual campaign to grant more wishes to children 1 around the world suffering from life-threatening medical conditions, and was launched world 2 wide in 2010, the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Make-A-Wish Foundation; and 3 4 WHEREAS, Every 25 minutes, the Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wish of a child with a life-threatening medical condition, accounting for more than 20,000 wishes every year, 5 with over 250,000 wishes granted since 1980; and 6 7 WHEREAS, Each year, over 30,000 volunteers generously give their time, talents, and 8 energy to fulfill the Make-A-Wish mission around the globe, to grant the wishes of children with 9 critical medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy; and 10 WHEREAS, The Make-A-Wish Foundation International and the Make-A-Wish 11 Foundation of America raise all funds locally, and receive contributions from individuals, 12 corporations, foundations and through fundraising events. Each chapter supports its wish children 13 independently; and WHEREAS, The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island has been 14 15 granting wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions and enriching the human 16 experience with hope, strength, and joy since granting its first wish in Massachusetts in 1987; and 17 WHEREAS, Over 500 Massachusetts children and 80 Rhode Island children are newly diagnosed with life-threatening medical conditions every year; and 18 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations encourages and 19

1 applauds the efforts of the Make-A-Wish volunteers who bring great joy to the difficult struggle

2 that these children and their families courageously face; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby recognizes April 29, 2011, as "World Wish Day," celebrates the annual campaign to inspire people from all over the world to share the power of a wish, and recognizes the selfless volunteers that help to make these wishes happen; and be it further

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

8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Paula Montgomery, Regional Director, Rhode

9 Island office of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

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