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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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

**RECOGNIZING JUNE 8TH OF 2015, AS "WORLD OCEANS DAY" IN THE STATE OF  
RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Regunberg, Handy, Palangio, Carson, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: June 04, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Thousands of people from across the United States and around the world  
2 will be gathering at a panoply of events to celebrate this year's World Oceans Day on June 8,  
3 2015; and

4           WHEREAS, World Oceans Day was officially recognized by the United Nations in  
5 December of 2008, as a day of celebration and action for the world's oceans; and

6           WHEREAS, Since 2002, The Ocean Project, in partnership with many other  
7 organizations and networks, including the World Ocean Network and the Association of Zoos and  
8 Aquariums, has been the lead organization in promoting and coordinating World Oceans Day;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, The Ocean Project, which is based in Providence, is a nonprofit  
11 organization that works to advance ocean and climate conservation, in partnership with a growing  
12 global network of 2,000 aquariums, zoos, science museums, and other organizations; and

13           WHEREAS, This year's theme for World Oceans Day is "Healthy oceans, healthy  
14 planet," with many additional events geared towards educating citizens on the dangers and ways  
15 to prevent the dangers of plastic pollution; and

16           WHEREAS, Alyssa Isakower, World Oceans Day Coordinator stated, "The ocean is the  
17 heart of our planet, and like your heart pumping blood through your body, the ocean connects all  
18 people across our planet. People come together on World Oceans Day to celebrate that  
19 connection, and, now more than ever, also to help solve problems like plastic trash in our ocean";

1 now, therefore be it

2           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
3 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes the 8th day of June, 2015, as "World Oceans Day" in  
4 our state. We furthermore urge the citizens of the Ocean State to join members of The Ocean  
5 Project in observing and celebrating this day through participation in appropriate programs and  
6 activities; and be it 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 Bill Mott, Director, The Ocean Project.

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