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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

HOUSE RESOLUTION

WELCOMING THE NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, TO THE
RHODE ISLAND HOUSE AS THEY PRESENT THEIR 2019 "REPORT TO THE STATE"

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, Casey, McNamara, and Edwards

Date Introduced: February 26, 2020

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America, was founded on
2 September 6th, 1910, and was chartered by the Congress of the United States in 1911. Since
3 1910, the Narragansett Council has made an immense difference in the lives of countless young
4 people in the State of Rhode Island. The Council has helped positively shape the character of the
5 youth of our State, preparing them to be future leaders, to make wise ethical decisions, and
6 instilling within them the values of the Scout Oath and Law; and

7 WHEREAS, The Narragansett Council works tirelessly to be accessible to all Rhode
8 Islanders, regardless of their income or social status. In particular, they worked hard to include
9 disadvantaged families from within urban communities, with over 1,000 youth participating in
10 Scouting in the Narragansett Council's Scoutreach program in 2019; and

11 WHEREAS, The Narragansett Council makes a positive impact in the lives of countless
12 people within every single community in Rhode Island. Last year, 15,615 scouts and leaders
13 across the Narragansett Council donated 77,646 hours of community service. In the Council's
14 annual "Scouting for Food" drive over 190,000 pounds of food was collected and donated to local
15 food pantries; and

16 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America and the Narragansett Council offer a wide array
17 of programming for all families and in 2019, welcomed girls into Scouting for the first time in the
18 Scouts BSA program. In 2019, 187 girls joined Scouts BSA in 21 all-girls troops with an
19 additional 621 girls signing up for Cub Scouts in 93 different packs; and

1 WHEREAS, Summer camps are a vital part of the scouting experience. The Narragansett
2 Council runs nine camps including the nationally renowned Yawgoog Scout Reservation, as well
3 as Camp Aquapaug, Buck Hill Scout Reservation, Camp Buxton, Cub World at Buck Hill,
4 Cachalot Scout Reservation, Champlin Scout Reservation, Camp Norse, and Sandsland. Last
5 summer, 6,066 boys and girls in Scouts BSA and 2,230 Cub Scouts and their families attended
6 Narragansett Council summer camps. Additionally, the Narragansett Council is investing \$7.5
7 million in construction at Yawgoog Scout Reservation to serve the next generation of Scouts; and

8 WHEREAS, Today, the Narragansett Council serves the entire State of Rhode Island
9 along with cities and towns in our neighboring states. The Narragansett Council has over 12,000
10 youth members and nearly 3,500 volunteers in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and
11 Explorers. The Council's young participants and their families highly value the positive
12 experiences and educational enrichment opportunities the Narragansett Council provides for them
13 as they help to prepare their children to lead successful lives and make a positive impact in their
14 communities; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
16 Providence Plantations hereby welcomes the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America, to the
17 Rhode Island House as they present their 2019 "Report to the State," and thanks them for all of
18 the good work they do on a daily basis in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
20 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Tim McCandless, Scout Executive and
21 CEO of the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America.

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