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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014**

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

**CONGRATULATING AND EXTENDING SINCERE APPRECIATION TO RIGHT NOW  
FOR KIDS AND THEIR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS FOR ALL THAT THEY DO TO  
KEEP CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SAFE AND HEALTHY**

Introduced By: Representatives Abney, Ruggiero, Diaz, Bennett, and Hull

Date Introduced: May 08, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

(by request)

1           WHEREAS, May 8, 2014, is National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day. Rhode  
2 Island joins the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), 1100  
3 communities across the nation, and the more than 130 collaborating organizations to celebrate  
4 this year's theme of "Inspiring Resilience, Creating Hope"; and

5           WHEREAS, The nationwide strategy is focused on the importance of caring for every  
6 child's mental health from birth and has been embraced by providers right here in Rhode Island;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, RIght Now for Kids, a coalition of child welfare and behavioral health  
9 providers with firsthand experience working with at-risk children and families here in the Ocean  
10 State, has been formed to advocate in support of abused, neglected, dependent and at-risk  
11 children in our state and to help bring the needs of the child welfare and children's behavioral  
12 health system to the forefront of the public and policy agenda; and

13           WHEREAS, RIght Now for Kids believes in interagency collaboration, individualized,  
14 strengths-based care practices, cultural competence, community-based services, accountability,  
15 and full participation of families and youth at all levels of the system; and

16           WHEREAS, RIght Now for Kids believes that providing community-based programs and  
17 wraparound care will increase the quality of care for youth and families and decrease the number  
18 of children who enter congregate care as well as decrease child welfare costs in the long term;  
19 and

1           WHEREAS, RIght Now for Kids is hosting its first "Children's Mental Health  
2 Awareness Advocacy Day" on May 8, 2014; now, therefore be it

3           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
4 Providence Plantations cares deeply about the welfare of Rhode Island's most vulnerable children  
5 and families. We furthermore recognize the work of RIght Now for Kids as they raise public and  
6 policy awareness and support for children and families, advocate for the effective and efficient  
7 use of resources and continued investment in the child welfare system, improve communication  
8 and coordination between child welfare advocates and service providers, and work to evaluate  
9 outcomes and performance across the child welfare system in our state; and be it further

10          RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby extends sincere appreciation and  
11 congratulations to RIght Now for Kids and their member organizations for all that they do to keep  
12 children and families safe and healthy; and be it further

13          RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to RIght Now for Kids.

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