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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

**PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 11TH OF 2013 TO BE UNITED WAY 2-1-1 DAY IN THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senator Juan M. Pichardo

Date Introduced: February 07, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, United Way of Rhode Island is formally commemorating National 2-1-1
2 Day on Monday, February 11, 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, By dialing 2-1-1, Rhode Islanders across the state can access free and
4 confidential social services offered by health and human services providers, government
5 agencies, and community-based organizations. This information and referral line is available in
6 175 languages and dialects, 24 hours a day, seven days a week throughout the year; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2012, over 208,000 calls were received by 2-1-1, an increase of more
8 than 3,000 calls from 2011, and representing a dramatic uptick in the number of calls from Rhode
9 Islanders seeking assistance with rental or mortgage payments, utility payments, and food; and

10 WHEREAS, United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island also plays a critical communications role
11 during natural disasters or other state crises, as evidenced by the 6,682 calls received as a result of
12 Hurricane Sandy in October of 2012; and

13 WHEREAS, Members of United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island, in partnership with the
14 Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs, support the Aging and Disability Resource Center
15 (ADRC)/The POINT, which assisted more than 36,799 seniors, adults with disabilities, care
16 givers, and health service providers in 2012; and

17 WHEREAS, The community as a whole benefits from United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island

1 because the organization helps people connect with the information they need, when they need it
2 most. United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island increases efficiency by helping callers clearly define
3 their needs and by connecting them to the best places to receive help; and

4 WHEREAS, Now, more than ever, it is critically important that Rhode Islanders realize
5 there is help and that United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island can be their guide; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby declares February 11, 2013, to be “United Way 2-1-1 Day” in Rhode Island; and be it
8 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 Paola Fernandez, United Way of Rhode Island.

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