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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

S E N A T E R E S O L U T I O N

**WELCOMING THE NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TO THE
RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE FOR THEIR 2018 "REPORT TO THE STATE"
PRESENTATION**

Introduced By: Senator Michael J. McCaffrey

Date Introduced: May 22, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America, was founded on
2 September 6th, 1910, and was chartered in 1911. Since 1910, the Narragansett Council has made
3 an immense difference in the lives of countless young people in the State of Rhode Island. The
4 Council has helped to positively shape the character of the youth of our State, preparing them to
5 be future leaders, to make wise ethical decisions, and has instilled within them the values of the
6 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 work hard to include
9 disadvantaged families within our State's urban communities. Last year, 1,200 youth were
10 included in Scouting by the Narragansett Council's Scoutreach program; and

11 WHEREAS, The Narragansett Council makes a positive impact in the lives of countless
12 people within every single community in our State. Last year, 4,000 Scouts and leaders donated
13 64,632 hours of community service. In the Council's annual "Scouting for Food" drive, 271,645
14 pounds of food was collected and given to local food pantries; and

15 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America and the Narragansett Council strive to offer a
16 wide array of programming for all families and in 2018, welcomed girls into Scouting for the first
17 time, with 247 girls joining Cub Scout programs in the Narragansett Council; and

18 WHEREAS, Summer camps are a vital and integral part of the scouting experience. The
19 Narragansett Council runs nine camps including nationally renowned Camp Yawgoog, as well as

1 Camp Aquapaug, Buck Hill Scout Reservation, Camp Buxton, Cub World at Buck Hill, Cachalot
2 Scout Reservation, Champlin Scout Reservation, Camp Norse and Sandsland. Last summer,
3 9,267 Boy Scouts and 3,225 Cub Scouts and their families attended Narragansett Council summer
4 camps. Additionally, 59 Scouts attended a National High Adventure or Order of the Arrow
5 Conference Program; and

6 WHEREAS, Today the Narragansett Council serves the entire State of Rhode Island
7 along with cities and towns in in our neighboring states. The Narragansett Council has over
8 12,000 youth members and more than 4,000 volunteers in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts (now known
9 as Scouts BSA), Venturing and Explorers. The Council's young participants and their families
10 highly value the positive experiences and enriching educational opportunities the Narragansett
11 Council provides for them as they help to prepare their children to lead successful lives and make
12 a positive impact in their communities; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
14 hereby welcomes the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America, to the Rhode Island House as
15 they present their 2018 "Report to the State", and thanks them for all of the good work they do on
16 a daily basis in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

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

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