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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING APRIL 29, 2011, AS THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION'S "WORLD WISH DAY"

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Paiva Weed, Goodwin, Algieri, and Bates

Date Introduced: April 28, 2011

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, "World Wish Day" is the annual campaign to grant more wishes to children
2 around the world suffering from life-threatening medical conditions, and was launched world
3 wide in 2010, the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Make-A-Wish Foundation; and

4 WHEREAS, Every 25 minutes, the Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wish of a child
5 with a life-threatening medical condition, accounting for more than 20,000 wishes every year,
6 with over 250,000 wishes granted since 1980; and

7 WHEREAS, Each year, over 30,000 volunteers generously give their time, talents, and
8 energy to fulfill the Make-A-Wish mission around the globe, to grant the wishes of children with
9 critical medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy; and

10 WHEREAS, The Make-A-Wish Foundation International and the Make-A-Wish
11 Foundation of America raise all funds locally, and receive contributions from individuals,
12 corporations, foundations and through fundraising events. Each chapter supports its wish children
13 independently; and

14 WHEREAS, The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island has been
15 granting wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions and enriching the human
16 experience with hope, strength, and joy since granting its first wish in Massachusetts in 1987; and

17 WHEREAS, Over 500 Massachusetts children and 80 Rhode Island children are newly
18 diagnosed with life-threatening medical conditions every year; and

19 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations encourages and

1 applauds the efforts of the Make-A-Wish volunteers who bring great joy to the difficult struggle
2 that these children and their families courageously face; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
4 hereby recognizes April 29, 2011, as “World Wish Day,” celebrates the annual campaign to
5 inspire people from all over the world to share the power of a wish, and recognizes the selfless
6 volunteers that help to make these wishes happen; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Paula Montgomery, Regional Director, Rhode
9 Island office of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

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