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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

JOINT RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE 227TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF "HOPE DAY:
BIRTH OF OUR NATION"

Introduced By: Senator Louis P. DiPalma

Date Introduced: May 25, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Two hundred and twenty-seven years ago, on May 29, 1790, in the City of
2 Newport, the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention was convened for the purpose of resolving
3 the adoption of the proposed Constitution that would create the original union and birth of the
4 United States of America; and

5 WHEREAS, Fourteen years and twenty-five days had passed since the revolutionary
6 English Colony of Rhode Island had declared itself separate and free from any allegiance to Great
7 Britain on May 4th of 1776; and, two years, eight months, and twelve days had elapsed since the
8 Philadelphia Constitutional Convention had adopted the proposed Constitution for the United
9 States of America on September 17th of 1787; and

10 WHEREAS, On a vote of thirty-four to thirty-two, Rhode Island's Constitutional
11 Delegation adopted the proposed Constitution of the United States of America; and, thus, became
12 the thirteenth and last of the original states ratifying the Constitution and completing the national
13 Union; and

14 WHEREAS, When the deciding vote was cast, the great bell of the Second Baptist
15 Church on Farewell Street rang joyously, precipitating an exuberant carillon of all Newport's
16 church bells; and, the dancing in the streets of the City of Providence combined with great
17 celebrations across the countryside, heralding the newborn sovereign State of Rhode Island and
18 Providence Plantations, the Hope State, and marking the "Birth of Our Nation"; and

19 WHEREAS, By Rhode Island's revolutionary legislative action, the United States of

1 America had been formally born in Liberty and Justice; and, the Hope of the Nation's Founding
2 Fathers had been realized: E pluribus unum - One from many: Our Nation's motto. HOPE: Rhode
3 Island's motto. Rhode Island: Our Nation's Birthplace; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence
5 Plantations hereby commemorates the 227th Anniversary Celebration Of "Hope Day: Birth Of
6 Our Nation"; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Governor Gina Raimondo, the
9 Honorable Governors of the other twelve Original States, the Mayors or Administrators of Rhode
10 Island's thirty-nine Cities and Towns, and George Brian Sullivan, Ph.D., Executive Director,
11 Newportant Foundation.

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