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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2015, TO BE "NATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTION
MONTH IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Lombardi, Coyne, Ottiano, Felag, and Walaska

Date Introduced: May 14, 2015

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Community Action sprang from the heart of President Lyndon B. Johnson's
2 1964 proclamation of America's "War on Poverty" wherein the battles need to be won in the field,
3 in every private home, and in every public office, from the courthouse to the White House; and

4 WHEREAS, Community Action has been putting a human face on poverty for 51 years
5 through its advocacy for those who don't have a voice, so that they may enter the middle class and
6 reach for the American dream, replacing their despair with opportunity; and

7 WHEREAS, Community Action builds and promotes economic stability as an essential
8 aspect of enabling and enhancing stronger communities, which in turn promotes self-sufficiency
9 for those with limited incomes, ensuring that all Americans are able to live in dignity; and

10 WHEREAS, Community Action has enhanced the lives of millions of people across
11 America by providing essential, life-changing services and opportunities such as affordable
12 housing, economic development, health care, energy assistance, natural disaster relief, and
13 recovery; and

14 WHEREAS, Community Action already serves 99 percent of America's counties in rural,
15 suburban, and urban communities and because it is right, because it is wise, and because in our
16 hearts and minds we believe it is possible, we will conquer poverty in our lifetime; and

17 WHEREAS, Community Action will continue to implement innovative and cost-effective
18 programs to improve the lives and living conditions of the impoverished; continue to provide
19 support and opportunities for all citizens in need of assistance; and continue to be a major voice

1 of reason in the establishing social assistance system reforms; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby proclaims the month of May 2015, as "Community Action Month" in recognition of the
4 hard work and dedication of all the Rhode Island Community Action Networks of Community
5 Action Agencies; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Paula M. McFarland, NCRT, PER, Executive
8 Director, Rhode Island Community Action Association.

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