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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

**DECLARING MAY 26 THROUGH MAY 31, 2015, TO BE "NAVY WEEK" IN THE STATE
OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Paiva Weed, and Felag

Date Introduced: May 26, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The United States Office of Navy Outreach (NAVCO) began the Navy
2 Week program in 1985, and since then has coordinated 169 Navy Weeks in 69 cities throughout
3 the United States. Rhode Island, for the very first time, was one of 12 sites chosen to host Navy
4 Week in 2015. This celebratory event will be held from May 26th through the 31st, and will
5 coincide with the annual Rhode Island Air National Guard show at Quonset State Airport; and

6 WHEREAS, The purpose behind Navy Week in Rhode Island is to provide interested
7 citizens with the opportunity to learn about the United States Navy and its importance to our
8 nation. The public will get to meet and honor Navy service personnel, learn about the technology
9 behind the construction and operation of various ships, and to learn about the vital work Navy
10 personnel do for our nation on a daily basis; and

11 WHEREAS, Thankfully, the United States has the most powerful navy in the world and it
12 dutifully and vigilantly protects America's vital interests across the globe, deters and prevents
13 wars, and ensures that the world's sea lanes remain free to allow the flow of commerce and
14 information everywhere in the world; and

15 WHEREAS, The United States Navy has had a presence in Rhode Island since the
16 Revolutionary War. It has gone on to establish an experimental torpedo station on Goat Island in
17 1869, the United States Naval War College in Newport in 1884, and is the home of Naval Station
18 Newport, the Navy's Center of Excellence in Officer and Senior Enlisted Education and Training;
19 and

1 WHEREAS, The United States Navy, from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War, from
2 World War II to the Cold War, has always served valiantly in defense of our nation to preserve,
3 protect and defend our precious freedoms. From the heroics in the Battle of Midway during
4 World War II, to the exploits of the Navy Seals, Navy Aviators, and its "Silent Service"
5 submarine heroes, the exploits of the United States Navy, in the defense of liberty, will forever be
6 remembered by a nation grateful to be living in a peaceful, prosperous and free society; now,
7 therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
9 hereby declares May 26 through May 31, 2015, to be "Navy Week" in this state; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Captain Dennis Boyer, Naval Station, Newport.

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