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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2024, TO BE "DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Louis P. DiPalma

Date Introduced: March 21, 2024

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, In Rhode Island, approximately 4,000 individuals have developmental
2 disabilities; and

3 WHEREAS, There are 37 community agencies licensed by the Rhode Island Department
4 of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH), and/or certified
5 by the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), that provide a range of services and
6 support systems for those with developmental disabilities in the State of Rhode Island; and

7 WHEREAS, For more than thirty years, Rhode Island has been a leader in providing and
8 advancing services for the developmentally disabled community; and

9 WHEREAS, Individuals with developmental disabilities strive to be contributing
10 members of their community, including attaining employment; and

11 WHEREAS, The establishment of March 29th, as Developmental Disabilities Awareness
12 Day has promoted the ongoing endeavor to educate the citizens of this State about the myriad
13 contributions made by those with developmental disabilities; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby proclaims March 29,
15 2024, as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day" in our State. We furthermore encourage all
16 our State's residents to join in recognizing the importance of this day; 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 the Honorable Tina Spears, MPA Executive

1 Director of CPN-RI.

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