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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

## IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014**

## SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014, TO BE "DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey, and DaPonte

Date Introduced: March 27, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

WHEREAS, In Rhode Island, more than 3,700 individuals have developmental 1 disabilities: and 2 3 WHEREAS, There are over 15,000 stakeholders who provide a range of services and 4 support systems for those with developmental disabilities in our state; and WHEREAS, For more than thirty years, Rhode Island has been a leader in providing and 5 advancing services for the developmentally disabled community; and 6 7 WHEREAS, Individuals with developmental disabilities strive to be contributing members of their community, including attaining employment; and 8 9 WHEREAS, The establishment of March 27, 2014 as Developmental Disabilities 10 Awareness Day will promote the ongoing endeavor to educate the citizens of this state about the 11 myriad contributions made by those with developmental disabilities; now, therefore be it 12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby proclaims March 27, 2014, as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day" in our state. 13 14 We furthermore encourage all our state's residents to join in recognizing the importance of this 15 day; and be it further RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to 16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Donna Martin, Executive Director of CPN-RI. 17

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