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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 2012 TO BE "DONATE LIFE MONTH" IN RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Maher, and Algiere

Date Introduced: April 24, 2012

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, There are more than 112,500 Americans, with more than 4,500 in New
2 England, who are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

3 WHEREAS, Over one million life-enhancing transplants performed each year are made
4 possible by the generous donation of corneas, bone, skin or other tissue; and

5 WHEREAS, We can all help to save someone's life and benefit up to 50 recipients by
6 enrolling as an organ and tissue donor in the Rhode Island Donor Registry when we apply for or
7 renew our drivers licenses or by registering on-line at www.donatelifenewengland.org; and

8 WHEREAS, Since 99.8 percent of all Rhode Islanders who register to become a donor do
9 so at the Division of Motor Vehicles, it is fitting that Rhode Island joins in the national goal of
10 signing up 50 percent of our driving population to become donors and makes it fast and easy to
11 save a life through the Division of Motor Vehicles; and

12 WHEREAS, We pay tribute to organ and tissue donors and their families, whose decision
13 to Donate Life enables others to receive life-saving organs and tissues for transplant; now,
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
16 hereby proclaims April of 2012 to be "Donate Life Month" in Rhode Island, and urges all
17 citizens of Rhode Island to take cognizance of this event and participate in its observance; and be
18 it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
- 2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the New England Organ Bank.

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