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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 21, 2024, TO BE "COX IMPACT DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Kennedy, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Place, Costantino, Tanzi, McNamara, Ackerman, Ajello, and Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: May 21, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Cox Communications is committed to creating meaningful moments of
2 human connection through technology. As the largest private broadband company in America,
3 Cox operates fiber-powered networks in more than 30 States, providing connections and
4 advanced managed IT and cloud services for nearly 7 million homes and businesses nationwide,
5 and are dedicated to empowering others to build a better future and celebrate diverse products,
6 people, suppliers, communities and the characteristic that make each one unique; and

7 WHEREAS, Cox Communications is the largest division of Cox Enterprises, a family-
8 owned business founded in 1898 by Governor James M. Cox; and

9 WHEREAS, Since 2001, Cox employees and business partners have invested in Cox
10 Charities, a charitable giving initiative of Cox Communications. Cox Charities has invested
11 millions of dollars in grants and in-kind support to organizations providing S.T.E.A.M. [Science,
12 Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math] enrichment programs to youth throughout the
13 Northeast Region; and

14 WHEREAS, Cox believes in community action through giving and loves the position
15 they hold as a contributing member of the community—their business, their employees and their
16 customers. This compels Cox to provide support with monetary, media and premium gift
17 contributions that provide goodwill to organizations and causes in need and strengthens the
18 social, economic and educational infrastructure of our community; and

19 WHEREAS, Cox demonstrates what they firmly believe by their focused areas of giving

1 concentrating their support in, but not limited to, the following key areas: Environment -- Cox
2 supports organizations and initiatives that encourage environmental sustainability and
3 conservation; Civic and Community -- Cox supports charitable and community organizations that
4 make a positive difference in the communities they serve; Youth & Education -- Cox supports
5 programs targeted toward providing children the essentials they need to grow up into self-
6 supporting and contributing members of society. Realizing the importance of education, Cox
7 supports initiatives that enhance educational efforts, particularly at the K-12 level; Diversity --
8 Cox supports organizations that directly support the many facets of the richly diverse
9 communities they serve; and Technology -- Cox supports initiatives that enhance technology
10 curriculum for children, particularly at the K-12 level; and

11 WHEREAS, The 2024 Rhode Island recipients of Cox Charities grants are: The Boys &
12 Girls Clubs of Newport County Total Teen Explorers; The Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern
13 Rhode Island; The Boys and Girls Clubs of Providence; Manton Avenue Project; Winners Circle
14 XR Academy, Inc.; Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England; STEAM Box; The Empowerment
15 Factory; The Ocean Community YMCA; Boys & Girls Club of Warwick; Cape Verdean
16 American Community Development; Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District; and
17 Riverzedge Arts Projects, Inc.; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
19 proclaims May 21 of 2024, to be "Cox Impact Day" in the State of Rhode Island and offers our
20 sincerest congratulations to all of the 2024 Cox Charities Grant Recipients, and thanks Cox for its
21 philanthropic efforts in Rhode Island; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
23 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mr. Stephen Iannazzi, Director, Government
24 Affairs, Cox Communications, and Ms. Rosie Fernandez, Manager of Community Relations for
25 Cox Communications East.

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