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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JUNE 10, 2015 AS "NATIONAL TIME OUT DAY" IN THE STATE OF
RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Joshua Miller

Date Introduced: June 04, 2015

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Taking a "time out" before operative and other invasive procedures is a
2 requirement of the Joint Commission Universal Protocol to prevent wrong site, wrong procedure,
3 and wrong person surgeries. Despite this requirement, it is estimated that wrong site surgeries
4 (WSS) occur between 40 to 60 times per week, and approximately 1,300 to 2,700 such incidents
5 occur annually; and

6 WHEREAS, To support the protocol and build greater awareness among surgical team
7 members, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) launched the National
8 Time Out Day initiative. The initiative's goal is to prevent errors, avoid tragedies, save lives, and
9 improve patient outcomes, by ensuring that all members of the surgical team pause before all
10 invasive procedures so they can communicate as a group and confirm key information about the
11 patient and the procedure; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
13 hereby recognizes June 10, 2015, as "National Time Out Day" in Rhode Island; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Julie Greenhalgh.

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