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STATE \mathbf{OF} RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018, TO BE "DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Louis P. DiPalma

Date Introduced: March 28, 2018

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

WHEREAS, In Rhode Island, more than 4,000 individuals have developmental 2 disabilities; and 3 WHEREAS, There are over 15,000 stakeholders who provide a range of services and support systems for those with developmental disabilities in our state; and 4 5 WHEREAS, For more than thirty years, Rhode Island has been a leader in providing and 6 advancing services for the developmentally disabled community; and 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 29, 2018 as Developmental Disabilities 10 Awareness Day will promote the ongoing endeavor to educate the citizens of this state about the myriad contributions made by those with developmental disabilities; now, therefore be it 11 12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby proclaims March 29, 2018, 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 16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to 17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Donna Martin, Executive Director of CPN-RI.

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