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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2012, TO BE "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION
MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Lanzi, Paiva Weed, Gallo, P Fogarty, and Tassoni

Date Introduced: April 25, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect are community-wide conditions and problems, and
2 finding solutions depends on the involvement of people in the community; and

3 WHEREAS, Approximately three million children are reported abused and neglected in
4 this country each year, with nearly three thousand of these children residing in Rhode Island; and

5 WHEREAS, The effects of child abuse and neglect are felt by whole communities and
6 need to be addressed by the entire community; and

7 WHEREAS, Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Family and Children's
8 Trust Fund at the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, and the Family Care Community
9 Partnerships are sponsoring several events throughout April to heighten public awareness of
10 abuse and neglect in communities around the state. These events will provide information and
11 material that support families to prevent child maltreatment and celebrate people who work with
12 and support children and families; and

13 WHEREAS, A statewide "Pinwheels for Prevention" campaign has been launched
14 through the media, public schools, libraries, social services, and businesses during the month of
15 April to celebrate and bring awareness of the great potential of all children in Rhode Island and
16 the need to strengthen all families with support and nurturing; and

17 WHEREAS, The "Pinwheel for Prevention" campaign includes the planting of "Pinwheel
18 Gardens" statewide celebrating community partnerships for strengthening the family and
19 protecting all children from abuse and neglect; and

1 WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships
2 created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law
3 enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

4 WHEREAS, All citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child
5 abuse and the benefits of its prevention within the community, and become involved in
6 supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
8 does hereby proclaim April, 2012, as “Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month” in the state of
9 Rhode Island and calls upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical
10 facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse,
11 thereby strengthening the communities in which we live; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island
14 President, Cheryl Patnaude.

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