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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

SENATE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING JUNE 16, 2022, AS "ESSENTIAL WORKER APPRECIATION DAY" IN
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators E Morgan, Paolino, de la Cruz, Rogers, Algieri, Burke, Felag,
F Lombardi, Ciccone, and Coyne

Date Introduced: June 16, 2022

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Essential Worker Appreciation Day provides the opportunity to recognize
2 and honor each and every one of the essential workers across our state who have made so many
3 sacrifices in order to provide critical services to the people of Rhode Island: and

4 WHEREAS, Essential workers include healthcare workers, direct care workers, nursing
5 home workers, local public health workers, educators and school staff, food service and grocery
6 store workers, gas station attendants, construction workers, utility workers, post office workers,
7 social service workers, delivery service workers, law enforcement officers, security officers,
8 corrections officers, manufacturers who converted their operations to making respirators, face
9 shields, and hand sanitizers, and janitors, transit workers, truck drivers, emergency service
10 workers, and other public servants; and

11 WHEREAS, In March of 2020, the first presumptive positive case of COVID-19 was
12 confirmed in the State and within days, the lives of all Rhode Islanders had dramatically changed.
13 Over the next fourteen months throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, essential workers continued
14 to work on the frontlines of myriad services in order to protect the health, well-being, and safety
15 of our State's residents; and

16 WHEREAS, These dedicated men and women are and have been unsung heroes and
17 particularly throughout the months of the pandemic when they consistently demonstrated deep
18 commitment to ensuring the well-being and subsistence of the residents of their communities and
19 kept our State's economy running; and

1 WHEREAS, Pushing through exhaustion and fear, and oftentimes struggling with long
2 hours and fatigue, these essential workers selflessly put their lives at risk to continue to fulfill
3 their critical jobs so many of us could stay safely at home while still continuing to have access to
4 basic life necessities; and

5 WHEREAS, Essential workers are one of the State's greatest assets and today more than
6 ever, professional recognition and employee appreciation are essential for morale, engagement,
7 and retention; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby celebrates "Essential
9 Workers Appreciation Day" on June 16, 2022, and thanks Rhode Island's essential workers for
10 their dedicated efforts and continued work for the betterment of our communities. It is also a day
11 to pay tribute to those workers who lost their lives helping others during this pandemic; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Department of Health, John E.
15 Gage, MBA, NHA, President/CEO of the Rhode Island Health Care Association, the Rhode
16 Island Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Executive Director of the
17 Rhode Island Manufacturers Association, and the Administrator of the Rhode Island District
18 Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

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