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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE PROVIDENCE CENTER FOR EMBODYING INNOVATION IN
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE

Introduced By: Senators Nesselbush, Paiva Weed, Felag, Metts, and Satchell

Date Introduced: May 26, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Providence Center was founded in 1969, with the mission "to help
2 people affected by mental health, behavioral health and substance use problems by providing
3 treatment and supportive services within a community setting"; and

4 WHEREAS, The Providence Center holds an unwavering commitment to a behavioral
5 health care system in which every individual who needs care will receive the broadest possible
6 array of services so that his or her unique needs are met; and

7 WHEREAS, The Providence Center values innovative program development that is
8 responsive to the community's changing needs. Each year, it serves more than 13,000 adults,
9 children and families who have behavioral health needs. As the largest community-based
10 behavioral healthcare organization in the state, The Providence Center's service capacity is
11 extensive and provides the most comprehensive continuum of community-based services in
12 Rhode Island; and

13 WHEREAS, The Providence Center provides individualized treatment in the community-
14 in homes, in schools, and in neighborhoods, using evidence-based practices that help people
15 overcome barriers to wellness and success. Its approach to behavioral health care is one that is
16 comprehensive and client-centered; and

17 WHEREAS, Through various innovative programs, The Providence Center demonstrates
18 a commitment to creative approaches that meet the needs of those served. It offers over 40
19 programs and wraparound services geared toward substance use, mental health and overall

1 wellness; and

2 WHEREAS, The Providence Center has earned numerous awards for its outstanding
3 innovation and community-serving programs including the 2016 National Council for Behavioral
4 Health Excellence in Behavioral Healthcare Management Award and the 2016 Scattergood
5 Foundation Innovation Award; and

6 WHEREAS, The Providence Center's innovative programs include HealthPath, a project
7 that works statewide to provide services and supports to those who have experience a psychiatric
8 hospitalization, a program whereby clinical therapists work in the Providence and Warwick
9 police departments, an intensive outpatient program staffed with a 100% Spanish-speaking team
10 of mental health professional who address clients addiction issues, the Anchor Learning
11 Academy, a recovery high school for adolescents who have experienced addiction, sought
12 treatment, and now prefer to pursue their high school education in a recovery-oriented
13 environment, and The Anchor Recovery Community Center program which has centers in
14 Pawtucket, Warwick, and within the Department of Corrections; and

15 WHEREAS, The Month of May is nationally observed as Mental Health Month and it is
16 fitting and just that The Providence Center's dedicated efforts, National Awards, and innovative
17 accomplishments be acknowledged and commended; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
19 hereby recognizes The Providence Center for embodying innovation in behavioral health care.
20 We moreover commend its staff and administration on being awarded the 2016 National Council
21 for Behavioral Health Excellence in Behavioral Healthcare Management Award and the 2016
22 Scattergood Foundation Innovation Award; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
24 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Lisa P. Tomasso, Community Relations
25 Manager, The Providence Center.

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