

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

DECLARING MAY 18TH, 2017, TO BE "ONE PROVIDENCE DAY" IN THE STATE OF  
RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Metts, Jabour, Goldin, and Quezada

Date Introduced: May 18, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, May 18th of 2017, has been chosen as a day for the people of the City of  
2 Providence and residents across Rhode Island to celebrate our state's Creative Capital; and

3 WHEREAS, Providence has a long and distinguished history that goes back more than  
4 375 years, beginning when Roger Williams first came to the area in search of religious freedom  
5 and named his new home "Providence"; and

6 WHEREAS, Providence began as a refuge for a man leaving religious persecution, and  
7 has long served as a home to welcome immigrants from every nation and continues to be a  
8 leading community that advocates for and welcomes immigrants, refugees, students and visitors  
9 from around the world; and

10 WHEREAS, The City of Providence has a rich history as a cultural, manufacturing and  
11 economic center of Southern New England, and is home to much storied architecture; and

12 WHEREAS, The City of Providence was voted "America's Coolest City" by GQ  
13 Magazine for its creative food scene and innovative entrepreneurship; and

14 WHEREAS, The City of Providence serves as home to the first ever Providence  
15 International Arts Festival, known thereafter as PVDFFEST; and

16 WHEREAS, Providence's proud economic history as a jewelry and manufacturing center  
17 for the Northeast now manifests itself in the city's emerging leadership in the academic, health  
18 care, life sciences, and hospitality sectors; and

19 WHEREAS, Providence is home to a majority of Rhode Island's economic activity, and a

1 successful and thriving City of Providence is critical to a successful and thriving Rhode Island;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Mayor Jorge O. Elorza was elected Mayor on a pledge to make One  
4 Providence, uniting residents from across neighborhoods, economic backgrounds, and racial and  
5 ethnic differences, and to strengthen the City with a long-term view towards creating a  
6 prosperous future; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
8 hereby declares May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, to be "ONE PROVIDENCE DAY" in the State of Rhode Island;  
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby joins the residents of Providence in celebrating our  
11 state's Capital for its contributions to Rhode Island's past, present and future; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
13 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor of the  
14 City of Providence, and to the members of the Providence City Council.

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