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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**CELEBRATING "TREE WEEK" ON MAY 5TH THROUGH MAY 11TH IN THE STATE OF
RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, Handy, Kislak, Donovan, and Caldwell

Date Introduced: May 09, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, In 1907, then President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed, "A people without
2 children would face a hopeless future; a country without trees is almost as hopeless"; and

3 WHEREAS, The celebration of "Tree Week" is to raise awareness and educate residents
4 on the economic and environmental importance and impact of trees in our State and Worldwide;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower
7 our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, help manage storm water, and provide
8 habitat for wildlife; and

9 WHEREAS, Trees help fight climate change. Through the natural process of
10 photosynthesis, trees absorb CO2 and other pollutant particulates, then store the carbon and emit
11 pure oxygen; and

12 WHEREAS, Trees in our towns and cities increase property values, enhance the
13 economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Trees are a renewable resource for providing paper, wood for our homes,
15 fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products; and

16 WHEREAS, Trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal;
17 now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
19 Providence Plantations hereby commemorates "Tree Week" on May 5th through May 11th of

1 2019; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
3 Providence Plantations hereby affirms the environmental benefits and important role trees play in
4 our environment and urges all Rhode Islanders to support efforts to protect our trees and
5 woodlands; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Gina Raimondo, Governor of the
8 State of Rhode Island, Janet L. Coit, Director of Rhode Island Department of Environmental
9 Management, and the RI Tree Council.

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