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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING DONNA MARTIN'S FOURTEEN YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE AS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY PROVIDER NETWORK OF RHODE ISLAND
(CPNRI)

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Ruggiero, McCaffrey, Goodwin, and Algieri

Date Introduced: March 27, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, To the immense good fortune of many Rhode Islanders, Donna Martin took
2 the helm as Executive Director of Community Provider Network of Rhode Island (CPNRI)
3 fourteen years ago, creating a long range plan for system advocacy that has elevated the
4 Network's ability to provide and collaborate services to Rhode Island's developmental disability
5 community; and

6 WHEREAS, Currently, CPNRI represents twenty-one private providers of a wide array
7 of high quality, cost effective services and supports to more than 3,000 people throughout the
8 state; and

9 WHEREAS, During her tenure, Ms. Martin is credited with creating CPNRI's first long
10 range plan for system advocacy, led the Network's board through the creation of a solid strategic
11 plan to navigate catastrophic economic times, and connected Rhode Island's provider associations
12 with provider associations in other states as well as the national association, which allowed for
13 the sharing of best practices with colleagues around the country; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition, Ms. Martin has led the development and establishment of the RI
15 Pooled Trust which provides a vehicle for people with disabilities to secure funds obtained
16 through inheritance, settlements, gifts, etc. The cost of individual trusts are often unaffordable for
17 many people and this fund was developed to be affordable and easily accessible; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Martin has also created and maintained strong ties with the Governor's
19 office and the Legislature, thereby earning recognition as the entity's specialists in all areas

1 pertaining to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

2 WHEREAS, Professionally well-respected by her peers, Ms. Martin has presented to the
3 National Association of Developmental Disabilities Directors and in various states through
4 ANCOR (American Network of Community Organizations and Resources); and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Martin's successes haven't simply been the result of good fortune, but
6 have moreover been due to her immense talents, intellectual aptitude, and focus, and she is
7 eminently worthy of our gratitude and recognition; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
9 hereby honors and thanks Donna Martin for her fourteen years of dedicated service as the
10 Executive Director of Community Provider Network of Rhode Island. We furthermore wish her
11 continued success, fulfillment, and good health; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Donna Martin.

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