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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2019, TO BE "STORM DRAIN AWARENESS  
MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Joshua Miller

Date Introduced: April 04, 2019

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, Storm drains carry water away without any treatment. Consequently, any  
2 stormwater, leaves, and trash entering a storm drain flows directly to nearby wetlands, streams,  
3 ponds, and eventually coastal waters without treatment; and

4           WHEREAS, Water entering storm drains is not treated. This untreated stormwater all  
5 goes directly to nearby wetlands, streams, ponds, and eventually the Bay without treatment; and

6           WHEREAS, Stormwater pollution is responsible for beach/shellfish closures and  
7 threatens drinking water supplies; and

8           WHEREAS, Careless disposal of trash and recyclables, pet waste, lawn chemicals,  
9 household chemicals, and paint impact water quality and the health of the watershed; and

10           WHEREAS, Simple education and awareness generated about the role storm drains play  
11 help mitigate these facts; now, therefore be it

12           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
13 hereby proclaims the month of May, 2019, to be "Storm Drain Awareness Month" in the State of  
14 Rhode Island and encourages all citizens to join in becoming ambassadors and stewards to storm  
15 drains in order to improve water quality and the health of our watersheds; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
17 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Devon Kurtz, Executive Director of the

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- 1 Blackstone Heritage Corridor, and Bonnie Combs, Marketing Director of the Blackstone Heritage
- 2 Corridor.

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