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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 4, 2019, TO BE "GREEN UP DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Ruggerio, Paolino, Pearson, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: May 02, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Litter is nothing but a piece of waste or rubbish that has been disposed of  
2 improperly, without consent, and at an inappropriate location. Littering simply means throwing  
3 trash on the ground or leaving it lying on the ground instead of placing it in a garbage can,  
4 recycling bin, or refuse container; and

5 WHEREAS, Litter is an eyesore that can negatively impact our sense of community and  
6 safety. It spoils the look of where we live and has adverse economic, legal and environmental  
7 impacts; and

8 WHEREAS, Litter cleanups cost the United States \$11.5 billion a year, and that figure  
9 does not include indirect costs, such as decreased property values, commerce, and tourism; and

10 WHEREAS, Areas where higher levels of litter are present are shown to attract crimes.  
11 An area that is not kept clean will give criminals the idea that they will have an easier time  
12 committing crimes in an area that is not well looked after; and

13 WHEREAS, Litter spoils water quality when the hazardous waste seeps into soil causing  
14 ground water pollution, and every year over 100,000 marine animals are harmfully affected by  
15 litter pollution; and

16 WHEREAS, Litter can also pose health and safety risks to curious children who are more  
17 likely to pick items up; and

18 WHEREAS, Litter control programs are critically relevant for future generations and  
19 people of all ages and all walks of life can take part in making a difference in building more

1 beautiful and healthy communities; and

2 WHEREAS, "Green Up Day" is a time to promote the stewardship of our state's natural  
3 landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by motivating and raising public  
4 awareness about the benefits of a litter-free environment; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
6 hereby proclaims May 4, 2019, to be "Green Up Day" across the State. We moreover urge the  
7 Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management to help in encouraging all Rhode  
8 Islanders to take pride in the place we call home by organizing and conducting community-wide  
9 litter clean-up activities; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the  
12 Director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, and Ms. Meagan  
13 Filkowski.

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