RESOLVED, That a majority of all members elected to each house of the general assembly voting therefor, the following amendment to the Constitution of the state be proposed to the qualified electors of the state in accordance with the provisions of Article XIV of the constitution for their approval and that it take the place of the Title and the Preamble to the constitution and Article III, Section 3, which are hereby amended to read as follows:

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

PREAMBLE

We, the people of this State which state shall henceforth be known as the state of Rhode Island, grateful to Almighty God for the civil and religious liberty which He hath so long permitted us to enjoy, and looking to Him for a blessing upon our endeavors to secure and to transmit the same, unimpaired, to succeeding generations, do ordain and establish this Constitution of government.

ARTICLE III

OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

Section 3. Oath of general officers. - - All general officers shall take the following engagement before they act in their respective offices, to wit: You being by the free vote of the electors of this state of Rhode Island, elected unto the place of do solemnly swear (or, affirm) to
be true and faithful unto this state, and to support the Constitution of this state and of the United
States; that you will faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties of your aforesaid office to
the best of your abilities, according to law: So help you God. [Or: This affirmation you make and
give upon the peril of the penalty of perjury.]

RESOLVED, That this amendment shall take, in the Constitution of the State, the place
of the Title and the Preamble to the constitution, and of Article III, Section 3, of the constitution;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, That the said proposition of amendment contained in this
resolution shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection at the next statewide
general election to be held in November, 2020. The voting places in the several cities and towns
shall be kept open during the hours required by law for voting therein for the members of the
general assembly and such other officials as may be up for election; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause the said proposition of amendment to
be published as a part of this resolution in the newspapers of the state prior to the date of the said
meetings of the electors; and the said proposition shall be inserted in the warrants or notices to be
issued previous to said meetings of the electors for the purpose of warning the town, ward, or
district meetings, and said proposition shall be read by the town, ward or district clerks to the
electors in the town, ward or district meetings to be held as aforesaid; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the town, ward and district meetings to be held aforesaid shall be
warned, and the list of voters shall be canvassed and made up, and the said town, ward and
district meetings shall be conducted in the same manner as now provided by law for the town,
ward and district meetings for the election of members of the general assembly and such other
officials as may be up for election.

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