

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

SENATE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING, RECOGNIZING AND KEEPING THE ELEANOR SLATER
HOSPITAL/ZAMBARANO OPEN AND OPERATIONAL AND FOR ITS DEDICATED
SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Jessica de la Cruz

Date Introduced: March 02, 2021

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Since 1905, the Eleanor Slater Hospital/Zambarano has been serving the
2 citizens of the State of Rhode Island by furnishing outstanding health care services to those
3 Rhode Islanders who are in the greatest need, including geriatric patients, patients with
4 developmental disabilities, and those with spinal cord injuries; and

5 WHEREAS, Eleanor Slater Hospital/Zambarano serves as an optimal model for all long-
6 term care facilities, providing services for individuals living with developmental disabilities and
7 co-occurring medical conditions; and

8 WHEREAS, Zambarano cares for many patients on ventilators which requires critical
9 care medicine. This includes not only specialized equipment but staff who are competent and well
10 trained in ventilator care, which no other facility in the state is as well-equipped to handle as
11 Zambarano; and

12 WHEREAS, The staff at Zambarano work tirelessly to ensure a quality existence for all
13 patients, and to convey the creditable and commendable efforts that go on each and every day at
14 the hospital in order to provide comfort to patients' family members. Many of the vulnerable
15 patients at the site require around-the-clock care from the staff, whose relatives have said become
16 'like family' to them; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby supports and
18 recognizes the dedicated and essential services provided at the Eleanor Slater
19 Hospital/Zambarano and supports all efforts to keep it open as there is no other place in the state

1 to care for these individuals and extends its sincere gratitude and deep appreciation to the
2 hospital's staff for their laudable efforts on behalf of all long-term care patients; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby urges continued support for Zambarano in order to
4 ensure that it remains an exemplary long-term health care facility for the benefit of all Rhode
5 Islanders; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the
8 Director of the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities,
9 and Hospitals (BHDDH), and the staff of the Eleanor Slater Hospital/Zambarano Unit.

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