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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 2022 TO BE "ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF
RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: May 25, 2022

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Annually in the United States, hundreds of people die and thousands are
2 injured as a result of electrically related incidents; and

3 WHEREAS, An estimated 32,000 home structure fires reported to United States fire
4 departments involved some type of electrical failure or malfunction as a factor contributing to
5 ignition; and

6 WHEREAS, On average, there are 430 civilian deaths, 1,060 civilian injuries, and \$1.3
7 billion in direct property damage resulting from home fires caused by electrical failure or
8 malfunction each year; and

9 WHEREAS, Every day in the United States, 6.4 workplace injuries occur from
10 electrically related incidents and in 2020, workplace electrical hazards caused over 2,220 severe
11 injuries, which resulted in the affected personnel taking time off from work; and

12 WHEREAS, Inspecting homes and workplaces for possible electrical hazards, as well as
13 following basic electrical safety precautions can help prevent thousands of people from being
14 injured or killed each year; and

15 WHEREAS, Citizens are also well-advised to protect their homes and families with the
16 latest safety technology, such as ground-fault circuit interrupters, arc-fault circuit interrupters,
17 surge protective devices, and tamper resistant receptacles, and with the installation, testing, and
18 proper maintenance of an adequate number of smoke alarms; and

19 WHEREAS, The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is dedicated

1 exclusively to promoting electrical safety in the home, school, and workplace through education
2 and advocacy, and to increasing public awareness by sponsoring National Electrical Safety
3 Month each May; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby proclaims May of
5 2022 to be "Electrical Safety Month" in the State of Rhode Island and encourages all citizens to
6 observe the importance of establishing and practicing electrical safety habits in the home, school,
7 and workplace to reduce the number of electrically related fires, injuries, and deaths; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Jeffrey Taylor, Mayforth Group, the Electrical
11 Safety Foundation International (ESFI), and the National Electrical Manufacturers Association
12 (NEMA).

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