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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING "NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK" ON MAY 12TH THROUGH MAY 18TH,  
2024, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Miller, Ujifusa, Raptakis, Gu, Valverde, Mack, Felag,  
Sosnowski, DiMario, and Picard

Date Introduced: May 14, 2024

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, National Hospital Day was set aside in honor of Florence Nightingale, the  
2 woman who made nursing a respectable profession and who revolutionized the way hospitals  
3 were run. The May 12th observance was expanded to a week-long event in 1953, so that hospitals  
4 could use it to plan and implement more extensive public information programs, and is currently  
5 sponsored by the American Hospital Association; and

6           WHEREAS, National Hospital Week 2024 celebrates hospitals, health systems, and the  
7 women and men who support the health and well-being of their communities through dedication  
8 and care from the heart; and

9           WHEREAS, America's Hospitals and healthcare systems deliver 3.5 million babies,  
10 employ 8.3 million people, and provide emergency care to 123 million people across the country;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, Hospitals in Rhode Island have generated more than 50,000 jobs and  
13 contributed \$2.5 billion in net patient revenue, dispensing a significant impact on both  
14 community health and the economy at large; and

15           WHEREAS, Providing everything from emergency care, labor and delivery, minor  
16 surgery and specialized care, hospitals big and small fill a vital need in our communities and  
17 every nurse, doctor, practitioner and staff member are essential in the compassionate delivery of  
18 the much needed quality services; and

19           WHEREAS, National Hospital Week is a time to raise awareness of the importance of

1 hospitals and health systems and to highlight the critical role hospitals and healthcare  
2 professionals have in our local communities; now, therefore be it

3           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby recognizes May 12th  
4 through May 18th as "National Hospital Week" and acknowledges and thanks Rhode Island's  
5 healthcare professionals for working diligently to provide countless men, women, and families  
6 with quality health services and for building a brighter tomorrow for future generations; and be it  
7 further

8           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Hospital  
10 Association of Rhode Island.

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