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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 12TH OF 2012 TO BE "CHILD CARE AWARENESS DAY" IN THE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, Lanzi, Lynch, Felag, and Metts

Date Introduced: April 12, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, On April 12<sup>th</sup> of 2012, a panoply of citizens representing myriad  
2 organizations and institutions from across our state will gather to celebrate the very first annual  
3 Child Care Awareness Day; and

4           WHEREAS, This event is being held “to highlight the work of various organizations and  
5 programs in the state that work every day to improve the lives of children, youth, and families by  
6 providing high quality care and education”; and

7           WHEREAS, Research on the human brain reveals that an overwhelming amount of a  
8 person’s lifetime brain development occurs during early childhood, before the age of three; and

9           WHEREAS, To be prepared for success, our children must receive high quality child care  
10 from caregivers who have the appropriate skills, education, and training; and

11           WHEREAS, A child care teacher’s day is spent interacting with children and caring for  
12 their needs, because it is through play, interaction, and socializing that children learn the  
13 fundamentals about others as well as the world around them; and

14           WHEREAS, High quality child care is sensitive, responsive, personal, and  
15 developmentally appropriate. It provides the proper nurturing that children need at one of the  
16 most critical and vulnerable times in their lives; and

17           WHEREAS, It is of immense importance that Rhode Island’s children receive the highest  
18 quality care and are challenged at an early age, so that they may develop the necessary abilities to  
19 thrive in adulthood and someday lead our state into an even brighter future; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
2 hereby proclaims the 12<sup>th</sup> of April, 2012, to be the first annual “Child Care Awareness Day.” We  
3 urge all the citizens of the state to join with us in recognizing the tremendous skills, dedication,  
4 diligence, and value of the laudable child care providers who protect and nourish our children and  
5 equip them for future success; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
7 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the President of the Child Care Directors  
8 Association, the Director of Prevent Child Abuse RI, and the Chair of the Permanent Legislative  
9 Commission on Child Care.

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