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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

JOINT RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING AUGUST 10TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH OF 2012 TO BE "RHODE ISLAND LAND TRUST DAYS"

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Felag, Picard, Miller, and McCaffrey

Date Introduced: May 17, 2012

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Rhode Island is a really special place and our citizens are fiercely proud of
2 our rich heritage. We love our bay and islands, our rivers and ponds, our beaches and shorelines,
3 our working farms and forests, and our scenic landscapes, unique natural areas, and historic
4 places; and

5 WHEREAS, All these settings form the fabric of Rhode Island's communities and define
6 the character of our communities and state; and

7 WHEREAS, Rhode Island residents value this legacy as a central asset essential to our
8 quality of life, the foods we eat, our sense of place, and the foundation for much of our economy;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, We have long recognized a need to protect our heritage by protecting these
11 special places in our communities for ourselves, our children, our grandchildren, and future
12 generations; and

13 WHEREAS, Citizens from across our state have formed land trusts to take action to
14 permanently protect the special places in our communities; and

15 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island House of Representatives and the Rhode Island Senate
16 have long supported the creation, restoration, and funding for numerous projects that preserve and
17 enhance the natural, cultural, and historical world that surrounds us; and

18 WHEREAS, For decades, Rhode Island's citizens have demonstrated strong community
19 support for land trusts' land conservation activities through memberships and by voting to

1 approve state and municipal bonds that help fund land conservation projects; and

2 WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders across the state annually volunteer hundreds of hours of
3 their time on boards and committees of land trusts in order to protect the special places in our
4 communities and to help manage those protected lands; and

5 WHEREAS, Land trusts all over Rhode Island want to increase community enjoyment of
6 these special places and the beauty, respite, solitude, wonder, and history they provide; and

7 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Land Trust Council is sponsoring Rhode Island Land
8 Trust Days to help spotlight the activities of the state's more than forty-five land trusts; now,
9 therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence
11 Plantations hereby recognizes the important contributions of land trusts and their volunteers, and
12 encourages residents and visitors to our beautiful state to get outdoors, take a hike, paddle a river,
13 discover the history around you, and enjoy the protected lands in our communities; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly hereby proclaims August 10th through
16 September 30th of 2012 to be "Rhode Island Land Trust Days" and invites all our citizens to
17 discover and enjoy Rhode Island's special places; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Roy Najecki, President of the Rhode Island
20 Land Trust Council.

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