STATE OF RHODE ISLAND<br>IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY<br>JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013<br>HOUSERESOLUTION<br>IN SUPPORT OF THE PRUDENCE ISLAND HISTORICAL MUSEUM<br>Introduced By: Representatives Finn, Edwards, and Gallison<br>Date Introduced: March 06, 2013<br>Referred To: House read and passed

WHEREAS, The Prudence Island Historical and Preservation Society was established in 1983 with the goal of collecting and preserving the history of Prudence Island for current Rhode Islanders, as well as for members of future generations; and

WHEREAS, The Prudence Island Historical Museum houses an array of over 4,000 items that have been donated over the years to the community of Prudence Island and that attest to the lives of everyday Rhode Islanders throughout our state's history; and

WHEREAS, The Portsmouth Town Council, at its February 11, 2013, meeting signaled its support for exempting the Prudence Island Historical and Preservation Society from real and personal property tax as long as the property is used for nonprofit purposes; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that Rhode Island nurtures the nonprofit organizations that contribute to the Ocean State's rich heritage and identity; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby recognizes the importance of historical preservation sites like the Prudence Island Historical Museum. We commend the museum's committed leadership and staff, as well as the support demonstrated by the Portsmouth Town Council, for taking steps to preserve our shared history; and be it further

2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. James Seveney, President of the

3 Portsmouth Town Council.

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