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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2013, TO BE "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION
MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Cimini, Diaz, Slater, Serpa, and Newberry

Date Introduced: April 11, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect are community-wide conditions and problems, and
2 finding solutions depends on the involvement of people in the community; and

3 WHEREAS, Approximately three million children are reported abused and neglected in
4 this country each year, with nearly three thousand of these children residing in Rhode Island; and

5 WHEREAS, The effects of child abuse and neglect are felt by whole communities and
6 need to be addressed by the entire community; and

7 WHEREAS, Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Family and Children's
8 Trust Fund at the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, and the Family Care Community
9 Partnerships are sponsoring several events throughout April to heighten public awareness of
10 abuse and neglect in communities around the state. These events will provide information and
11 material that support families to prevent child maltreatment and celebrate people who work with
12 and support children and families; and

13 WHEREAS, A statewide "Pinwheels for Prevention" campaign has been launched
14 through the media, public schools, libraries, social services, and businesses during the month of
15 April to celebrate and bring awareness of the great potential of all children in Rhode Island and
16 the need to strengthen all families with support and nurturing; and

17 WHEREAS, The "Pinwheels for Prevention" campaign includes the planting of
18 "Pinwheel Gardens" statewide celebrating community partnerships for strengthening the family
19 and protecting all children from abuse and neglect; and

1 WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships
2 created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law
3 enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

4 WHEREAS, All citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child
5 abuse and the benefits of its prevention within the community, and become involved in
6 supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
8 Providence Plantations does hereby proclaim April, 2013, as “Child Abuse and Neglect
9 Prevention Month” in the state of Rhode Island and calls upon all citizens, community agencies,
10 religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our
11 efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island
15 President, Cheryl Patnaude.

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