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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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

**RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND ADOPT A  
MANDATORY CHILD ABUSE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ANIMAL ABUSE CROSS  
REPORTING SYSTEM**

Introduced By: Representatives Morgan, Filippi, Giarrusso, Price, and Chippendale

Date Introduced: January 21, 2015

Referred To: House Judiciary

1           WHEREAS, The District of Columbia, Illinois, Connecticut, and West Virginia have  
2 fully mandated two-way cross reporting, in which animal/welfare personnel must report to each  
3 other; and

4           WHEREAS, There is a well-documented link between animal abusers and those who  
5 commit other acts of violence, especially of domestic violence and child abuse; and

6           WHEREAS, Animal control and humane officers that have first-hand knowledge of  
7 animal abuse may also have knowledge of domestic violence and child abuse; and

8           WHEREAS, The Department of Children, Youth and Families has first-hand knowledge  
9 of domestic violence and may also have knowledge of animal abuse; now, therefore be it

10          RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby respectfully requests that all  
11 child protection/domestic violence case workers report suspected animal abuse to animal  
12 control/humane officer agencies; and be it further

13          RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby respectfully requests that all  
14 animal control and humane officers must report suspected child abuse and/or domestic violence  
15 to Child Protection/Domestic Violence agencies; and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
- 2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Grange Legislative Director.

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