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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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

**PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 11TH OF 2015 TO BE UNITED WAY 2-1-1 DAY IN THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, Ajello, Fogarty, Marcello, and Regunberg

Date Introduced: February 11, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, United Way of Rhode Island is formally commemorating National 2-1-1
2 Day on Wednesday, February 11, 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, Through a partnership of state agencies, nonprofit organizations and
4 corporate support United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island was established in 2007 to help Rhode
5 Islanders navigate a complex human services network; and

6 WHEREAS, With more than one million calls taken so far, United Way 2-1-1 continues
7 to provide free and confidential information and referral service. Staffed by trained call
8 specialists, 2-1-1 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and averages 200,000 calls per
9 year; and

10 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 connects people to multiple human services, from locating childcare
11 to information on free tax assistance programs, to help for substance abuse and finding elder care
12 services; and

13 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 plays a critical role during times of natural disasters, recently handling
14 more than 2,000 calls during the recent Juno Blizzard; and

15 WHEREAS, United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island recognizes the value of strong
16 partnerships with community-based organizations and state agencies to ensure Rhode Islanders
17 can get the services they need when they need it most; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
19 Providence Plantations hereby declares February 11, 2015, to be "United Way 2-1-1 Day" in

1 Rhode Island; and be it further
2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
3 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Anthony Maione, President and CEO, United
4 Way of Rhode Island.

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