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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**

PROCLAIMING MAY 7, 2015, AS "RHODE ISLAND HOME CARE AND HOSPICE DAY"

Introduced By: Representatives O'Brien, Slater, Diaz, Marshall, and McKiernan

Date Introduced: May 07, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Home healthcare agencies licensed by the Rhode Island Department of  
2 Health as home care providers, home nursing care providers, and hospice providers deliver a  
3 variety of high quality healthcare services to Rhode Islanders in their homes; and

4           WHEREAS, Home is the preferred setting for healthcare service delivery among our  
5 state's elderly, disabled, and chronically ill as they strive to live independently in the comfort of  
6 their own homes and their own communities for as long as they are able to safely; and

7           WHEREAS, Home healthcare allows families to stay together and provides for stronger  
8 health, dignity, and comfort within our communities; and

9           WHEREAS, Home healthcare is the most cost-effective healthcare service delivery  
10 setting versus hospitals, nursing homes, and other institutional-based healthcare settings for acute  
11 and chronic conditions care; and

12           WHEREAS, Hospice care provides humane and comforting support for terminally ill  
13 patients and their families, including pain management, social-emotional support, and spiritual  
14 guidance during the final months, weeks, days, and hours of life; and

15           WHEREAS, Hospice care provides for the final piece in the full circle of life by  
16 providing for the basic human needs of comfort in familiar surroundings by a community of care  
17 that attains physical and emotional peace during the last stage of life; and

18           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Partnership for Home Care is "Advancing quality  
19 healthcare at home" as it demands of its provider member agencies and their staff to provide the  
20 highest quality of healthcare service delivery to all Rhode Islanders in need; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
2 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims May 7, 2015, as "Rhode Island Home Care and Hospice  
3 Day"; and be it further

4           RESOLVED, That this House hereby supports access to quality healthcare services in the  
5 home in order to provide Rhode Islanders with the ability to continue to live in our communities  
6 for as long as they are able to do so safely; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That this House hereby recognizes, supports, and applauds our state's  
8 unsung workforce of home healthcare aides, nurses, social workers, and therapists that work  
9 tirelessly to provide 24-hour clinical support, palliative care, homemaking, and daily living  
10 assistance to Rhode Islanders in need of quality healthcare services in their homes; and be it  
11 further

12           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
13 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Rhode Island Executive  
14 Office of Health and Human Services, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Human  
15 Services, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health, the Director of the Rhode Island  
16 Division of Elderly Affairs, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral  
17 Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals, and the President of the Rhode Island  
18 Partnership for Home Care.

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