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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING GOVERNOR GINA RAIMONDO TO DECLARE THE
MONTH OF JUNE TO BE "IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE
ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Pichardo, Lombardi, Crowley, Paiva Weed, and Algieri

Date Introduced: June 16, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Generations of immigrants from every corner of the globe have built our
2 country's economy and created the unique character of our nation; and
3 WHEREAS, Immigrants continue to grow businesses, innovate, strengthen our economy,
4 and create jobs in Rhode Island; and
5 WHEREAS, Immigrants have provided the United States and Rhode Island with unique
6 social and cultural influences, fundamentally enriching the extraordinary character of each; and
7 WHEREAS, Immigrants have been tireless leaders not only in securing their own rights
8 and access to equal opportunity, but have also campaigned to create a fairer and more just society
9 for all Americans; and
10 WHEREAS, Despite these countless contributions, the role of immigrants in building and
11 enriching our nation has frequently been overlooked and undervalued throughout our history, and
12 continues to the present day; and
13 WHEREAS, Rhode Island, since its founding by Roger Williams, has always been a
14 place that believes in individual freedom and of the power of new immigrants to add much
15 needed energy and vitality to our state and nation; and
16 WHEREAS, Immigrants to Rhode Island currently speak more than 60 languages and
17 represent more than 60 countries. Rhode Island has immigrants from a diverse array of countries
18 including Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Germany, China, Cambodia, Dominican Republic, Mexico,
19 Guatemala, Colombia and many others nations; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby respectfully requests that Governor Gina Raimondo declares the Month of June to be
3 "Immigrant Heritage Month" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Governor of Rhode Island, Gina
6 Raimondo, the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation, the White House Intergovernmental
7 Office, and the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators.

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