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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING JUNE 17, 2021, AS "ESSENTIAL WORKER APPRECIATION DAY" IN  
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators E Morgan, Paolino, de la Cruz, Algieri, Rogers, McCaffrey,  
and Ciccone

Date Introduced: June 15, 2021

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, In March of 2020, the first presumptive positive case of COVID-19 was  
2 confirmed in the State and within days, the lives of all Rhode Islanders dramatically changed; and

3 WHEREAS, Over the next fourteen months throughout the COVID-19 pandemic,  
4 essential workers continued to work on the frontlines of myriad services in order to protect the  
5 health, well-being, and safety of Rhode Island residents; and

6 WHEREAS, Essential workers include healthcare workers, direct care workers, nursing  
7 home workers, local public health workers, educators and school staff, food service and grocery  
8 store workers, gas station attendants, construction workers, utility workers, post office workers,  
9 social service workers, delivery service workers, law enforcement officers, security officers,  
10 corrections officers, manufacturers who converted their operations to making respirators, face  
11 shields, and hand sanitizers, and janitors, transit workers, truck drivers, emergency service  
12 workers, and other public servants; and

13 WHEREAS, Pushing through their exhaustion and fear, and oftentimes struggling with  
14 long hours and fatigue, these essential workers selflessly put their lives at risk to continue to  
15 fulfill their critical jobs so many of us could stay safely at home while still continuing to have  
16 access to basic life necessities; and

17 WHEREAS, These dedicated men and women are the unsung heroes of the pandemic  
18 who have shown deep commitment to ensuring the well-being and subsistence of the residents of  
19 their communities and have kept our State's economy running; and

1           WHEREAS, Essential Worker Appreciation Day is a day to recognize and honor each  
2 and every one of the essential workers across our State who have made so many sacrifices in  
3 order to provide critical services to the people of Rhode Island, and to remember and pay tribute  
4 to those workers who lost their lives helping others during this pandemic; now, therefore be it

5           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby celebrates "Essential  
6 Workers Appreciation Day" on June 17, 2021, and thanks Rhode Island's essential workers for  
7 their dedicated efforts and continued work for the betterment of our communities; and be it  
8 further

9           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
10 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott, Director of the  
11 Rhode Island Department of Health, Scott Fraser, President/CEO of the Rhode Island Health Care  
12 Association, the Rhode Island Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, the  
13 Executive Director of the Rhode Island Manufacturers Association, and the Administrator of the  
14 Rhode Island District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

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