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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 26, 2022, AS "COX CHARITIES DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Kennedy, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Azzinaro, Edwards, Filippi, Abney, Craven, and Ackerman

Date Introduced: May 26, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Cox Communications is committed to creating meaningful moments of
2 human connection through technology. The largest private broadband company in America, Cox
3 proudly serves seven million homes and businesses across 18 states. Cox Communications is the
4 largest division of Cox Enterprises, a family-owned business founded in 1898 by Governor James
5 M. Cox; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 2001, Cox employees and business partners have invested in Cox
7 Charities, a charitable giving initiative of Cox Communications. Cox Charities has invested more
8 than \$7 million in grants and in-kind support to organizations providing S.T.E.A.M. [Science.
9 Technology. Engineering. Arts and Math] enrichment programs to youth throughout Connecticut,
10 Ohio and Rhode Island; and

11 WHEREAS, Cox believes in community action through giving and loves the position
12 they hold as a contributing member of the community through their business, their employees and
13 their customers. This compels Cox to provide support with monetary, media and premium gift
14 contributions that provide goodwill to organizations and causes in need and strengthens the
15 social, economic and educational infrastructure of our community; and

16 WHEREAS, Cox demonstrates what they firmly believe by their focused areas of giving.
17 They concentrate their support in, but are not limited to, the key areas of the environment
18 through their support of organizations and initiatives that encourage environmental sustainability
19 and conservation; civic and community through their support of charitable and community

1 organizations that make a positive difference in the communities they serve; and youth &
2 education, through their support of programs targeted toward providing children the essentials
3 they need to grow up into self-supporting and contributing members of society. Realizing the
4 importance of education, Cox supports initiatives that enhance educational efforts, particularly at
5 the K-12 level, diversity through their support of organizations that directly support the many
6 facets of the richly diverse communities they serve, and technology through their support of
7 initiatives that enhance technology curriculum for children, particularly at the K-12 level; and

8 WHEREAS, The 2022 Rhode Island recipients of Cox Charities grants are The Science
9 and Math Investigative Learning Experiences (SMILE Program), The Highlander Charter School,
10 Global Science Envirotech, Providence Public Library, Woonasquatucket River Watershed
11 Council, The Empowerment Factory, DownCity Design, City Year, and Big Brothers Big Sisters
12 of Rhode Island; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this House of the State of Rhode Island hereby extends our sincerest
14 congratulations to all of the 2022 Cox Charities Grant Recipients and thanks Cox for its
15 philanthropic efforts in Rhode Island; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby proclaims May 26 of 2022 to be
17 “Cox Charities Day” in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit duly certified copies of the resolution to Mr. Ross Nelson, Senior Vice President and
20 Northeast Region Manager of Cox Communications and Ms. Rosie Fernandez, Manager of
21 Community Relations for Cox Communications Northeast.

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