

2023 -- H 6457

LC003080

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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

PROCLAIMING TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023, AS "COX CHARITIES DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Kennedy, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Azzinaro, Edwards, O'Brien, Bennett, Ajello, and Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: May 30, 2023

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. Cox loves the position
12 they hold as a contributing member of the community— their business, their employees and their
13 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 following key areas: Environment --
18 Cox supports organizations and initiatives that encourage environmental sustainability and
19 conservation; Civic and Community -- Cox supports charitable and community organizations that

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

8 WHEREAS, The 2023 Rhode Island recipients of Cox Charities grants are: The Boys and
9 Girls Clubs of Northern Rhode Island; The Boys and Girls Clubs of Newport County; The Cape
10 Verdean American Community Development; City Year, Inc; DownCity Design; Girl Scouts of
11 Southeastern New England; Global Science & Envirotech. Inc; STEAM Box; and the
12 Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
14 proclaims Tuesday, May 30 of 2023, to be "Cox Charities Day" in the State of Rhode Island and
15 offers our sincerest congratulations to all of the 2023 Cox Charities Grant Recipients, and thanks
16 Cox for its philanthropic efforts in Rhode Island; and be it further

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

=====
LC003080
=====