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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 11TH OF 2014 TO BE UNITED WAY 2-1-1 DAY IN THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Pichardo, Algieri, Lombardi, Nesselbush, and Ottiano

Date Introduced: February 11, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, United Way of Rhode Island is formally commemorating National 2-1-1
2 Day on Tuesday, February 11, 2014; and

3 WHEREAS, By dialing 2-1-1, Rhode Islanders across the state can access free and
4 confidential social services offered by health and human services providers, government
5 agencies, and community-based organizations. This information and referral line is available in
6 175 languages and dialects, 24 hours a day, seven days a week throughout the year; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2013, over 213,000 calls were received by 2-1-1, an increase of more
8 than 5,000 calls from 2012, and representing a dramatic increase in the number of calls from
9 Rhode Islanders seeking assistance with rental or mortgage payments, utility payments, and food;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island also plays a critical communications role
12 during natural disasters or other state crises, as evidenced by the 6,682 calls received as a result of
13 Hurricane Sandy in October of 2012; and

14 WHEREAS, Members of United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island, in partnership with the
15 Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs, support the Aging and Disability Resource Center
16 (ADRC)/The POINT, which assisted more than 36,799 seniors, adults with disabilities, care
17 givers, and health service providers in 2012; and

18 WHEREAS, The community as a whole benefits from United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island
19 because the organization helps people connect with the information they need, when they need it

1 most. United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island increases efficiency by helping callers clearly define
2 their needs and by connecting them to the best places to receive help; and

3 WHEREAS, Now, more than ever, it is critically important that Rhode Islanders realize
4 there is help and that United Way 2-1-1 in Rhode Island can be their guide; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
6 hereby declares February 11, 2014, to be "United Way 2-1-1 Day" in Rhode Island; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Paola Fernandez, United Way of Rhode Island.

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