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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**PROCLAIMING MAY 8, 2014, AS "RHODE ISLAND HOME HEALTH CARE AND  
HOSPICE DAY"**

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Paiva Weed, Pichardo, Metts, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: May 08, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Home health care agencies licensed by the Rhode Island Department of  
2 Health as home care providers, home nursing care providers, and hospice providers deliver a  
3 variety of high quality health care services to Rhode Islanders in their homes; and

4           WHEREAS, Home is the preferred setting for health care service delivery among our  
5 state's elderly, disabled, and chronically ill as they strive to live independently in the comfort of  
6 their own homes and their own communities for as long as they are able to safely; and

7           WHEREAS, Home health care allows families to stay together and provides for stronger  
8 health, dignity, and comfort within our communities; and

9           WHEREAS, Home health care is the most cost-effective health care service delivery  
10 setting versus hospitals, nursing homes, and other institutional-based health care settings for acute  
11 and chronic conditions care; and

12           WHEREAS, Hospice care provides humane and comforting support for terminally ill  
13 patients and their families, including pain management, social-emotional support, and spiritual  
14 guidance during the final months, weeks, days, and hours of life; and

15           WHEREAS, Hospice care provides for the final piece in the full circle of life by  
16 providing for the basic human needs of comfort in familiar surroundings by a community of care  
17 that attains physical and emotional peace during the last stage of life; and

18           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Partnership for Home Care is the state's unified voice for  
19 home health care and hospice services that demands of its members to provide the highest quality

1 of health care service delivery to all Rhode Islanders in need; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
3 hereby recognizes May 8, 2014, as "Rhode Island Home Health Care and Hospice Day"; and be it  
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby recognizes, supports, and applauds our state's  
6 unsung workforce of home health care aides, nurses, social workers, and therapists that work  
7 tirelessly to provide 24-hour clinical support, palliative care, homemaking, and daily living  
8 assistance to Rhode Islanders in need of quality health care services in their home; and be it  
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby supports our constituents' need to access quality  
11 health care services in the home and strive to maintain their ability to continue to live in our  
12 communities for as long as they are able to safely; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
14 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Rhode Island Executive  
15 Office of Health and Human Services, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Human  
16 Services, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health, the Director of the Rhode Island  
17 Division of Elderly Affairs, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral  
18 Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals, and the President of the Rhode Island  
19 Partnership for Home Care.

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