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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL HOUSING WEEK OF ACTION FROM MAY 30 TO
JUNE 5, 2019

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, Nesselbush, Ruggerio, Lombardo, and Rogers

Date Introduced: May 30, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Safe, decent, accessible homes that people can afford are a foundational
2 component of any community's vitality and growth; and

3 WHEREAS, There are 49,430 extremely low-income renter households in Rhode Island
4 whose annual income is \$25,180 or less for a family of four; and

5 WHEREAS, Fifty-four percent of extremely low-income renter households in Rhode
6 Island pay more than half of their incomes for rent; and

7 WHEREAS, There is a shortage of 22,806 homes that are affordable and available for
8 extremely low-income renter households in Rhode Island; and

9 WHEREAS, This shortage of homes that are affordable and available for extremely low-
10 income renter households is the cause of homelessness in Rhode Island and the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Investing in affordable housing produces long-term benefits, from increased
12 employment and economic mobility to improved health and better education; and

13 WHEREAS, Advocates are participating in today's rally "Our Homes, Our Voices: Rally
14 for Fair & Affordable Housing" as part of the National Housing Week of Action from May 30 to
15 June 5, 2019, and are respectfully requesting measures to protect Rhode Islanders from housing
16 discrimination, reduce legal barriers for renters, and increased investments in affordable housing;
17 now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
19 hereby endorses the "Our Homes, Our Voices National Housing Week of Action" from May 30 to

1 June 5, 2019, and supports expanding access to affordable homes in Rhode Island and working
2 together to ensure that every Rhode Islander has a safe, decent, affordable home; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of
5 the United States, the Honorable Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, and
6 the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation.

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