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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

**WELCOMING THE NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, TO THE
RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THEIR 2022 "REPORT
TO THE STATE"**

Introduced By: Senator Frank Lombardo

Date Introduced: May 04, 2023

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Narragansett Council, Scouts BSA, was founded on September 6, 1910,
2 and chartered in 1911. Since 1910, the Council has improved the lives of countless young people
3 in the State of Rhode Island, by helping to positively shape the character of the youth of our State,
4 preparing them to be future leaders and make wise ethical decisions, and instilling them with the
5 values of the Scout Oath and Law; and

6 WHEREAS, The Narragansett Council serves the entire State of Rhode Island along with
7 cities and towns in neighboring states, and works tirelessly to be accessible to all Rhode
8 Islanders, regardless of their income or social status. In particular, they work hard to include
9 disadvantaged families within our State's urban communities. Last year, 1,140 new Scouts and
10 their families joined programs offered by the Narragansett Council; and

11 WHEREAS, The Narragansett Council makes a positive impact in the lives of countless
12 people within every single community in our State. Last year, 5,330 Scouts and their leaders
13 donated 15,926 community service hours, and 157,882 pounds of food was collected through
14 "Scouting For Food" and given to local food pantries; and

15 WHEREAS, Camping and environmental education have always been vital and integral
16 parts of the scouting experience. Last year, at the nationally renowned Camp Yawgoog, run by
17 the Narragansett Council, there were 4,952 campers, with 148,400 meals being served and 16,044
18 merit badges being earned. There were 267 boy troops and 56 girl troops attending Camp
19 Yawgoog last year; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2022, for the first time in twenty years, the Narragansett Council held a
2 Council Jamboree called "Adventure at the Fort". More than 3,000 scouts and leaders participated
3 from across New England throughout the three days, camping inside historic Fort Adams and
4 taking part in activities hosted by program partners including Save The Bay, Rhode Island DEM,
5 Oliver Hazard Tall Ship, Mystic Aquarium and the Rhode Island National Guard, which
6 demonstrated an open water rescue complete with helicopter and divers; and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout the year, the Narragansett Council offers many enriching,
8 rewarding and educational programs including Fire Explorer's Academy, Law Enforcement
9 Explorer Academy, and Police Explorer Stations Day. All of these programs offer young people
10 the opportunity to participate in practical hands-on activities that explore possible career choices;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Each year, the Narragansett Council also offers training classes on a variety
13 of important topics including Youth Protection Training, Leave No Trace & Outdoor Ethics
14 Classes, National Youth Leadership Training, and Introduction to Leadership Skills; and

15 WHEREAS, Since 2020, the Narragansett Council had the honor of having their first 15
16 female Scouts earning the Rank of Eagle; and

17 WHEREAS, The Narragansett Council's more than 5,330 registered youth, and more
18 than 3,200 registered adult volunteers and their families, highly value the positive experiences
19 and enriching educational opportunities the Narragansett Council provides for them as they help
20 to prepare their children to lead successful and rewarding lives and to make a positive impact
21 within their communities; now, therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby welcomes the
23 Narragansett Council, Scouts BSA to the Rhode Island State House as they present their 2022
24 "Report to the State", and thanks them for all of the good they do on a daily basis in the State of
25 Rhode Island; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
27 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Tim McCandless, Scout Executive and
28 CEO of the Narragansett Council, Scouts BSA.

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