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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREATION OF
THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS PROFESSION

Introduced By: Senator Joshua Miller

Date Introduced: June 21, 2017

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Quality, affordable and accessible patient-centered health care, provided by
2 Physician Assistants contributes to the well-being and quality of life of all patients in Rhode
3 Island; and

4 WHEREAS, Physician Assistants practice medicine in collaboration with physicians in
5 all settings and specialties, including the diagnosis and treatment of disease, assisting in surgery
6 and prescribing medications; and

7 WHEREAS, A valuable asset to the medical team, Physician Assistants practice
8 medicine in collaboration with physicians to enhance the delivery of high-quality health care for
9 patients, often in medically underserved and rural areas; and

10 WHEREAS, Physician Assistants have been improving patient outcomes and moving
11 health care forward since the creation of the profession in 1967; and

12 WHEREAS, For 50 years, Physician Assistants have earned the trust of general public
13 for their dedication and contributions to patients' lives; and

14 WHEREAS, For the next 50 years and beyond, Physician Assistants will continue to
15 work within the health care team to make our health care system more effective, more efficient
16 and more accessible while providing increased quality to patients; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
18 hereby recognizes the 50th Anniversary of the Physician Assistants' profession, and encourages
19 all of our residents to recognize Physician Assistants for the significant impact they have made

1 and the high-quality health care they have provided over the past five decades; and be it further
2 RESOLVED, That The Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
3 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Academy of Physician
4 Assistants.

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