## TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI RESOLUTION OPPOSING H 5887 LEGISLATION RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, the Hopkinton Town Council has concerns relative to House Bill 5887, an act that changes the name of the holiday on the second Monday of August from Victory Day to Peace and Remembrance Day; and

WHEREAS, Victory Day currently pays tribute to the service men and women who served, sacrificed, and died in the Pacific and China-Burma-Inda Theaters of Operation during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Victory Day also pays tribute to Rhode Islanders that actively participated in the war effort back home, as represented by 1 in 10 citizens; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island is the smallest state in the Union, but we came together during WWII; and

WHEREAS, our job is not to erase history, but to educate our citizens on Victory Day with the impact of WWII on our state; and

WHEREAS, renaming this day to Peace and Remembrance Day would be a disservice to our military and civilians that contributed to the war effort.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Council of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose the passing of this bill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils

Passed as a Resolution of the Hopkinton Town Council this 2 day of April 2025.

Michael Geary, President Hopkinton Town Council

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