

TOWN OF WESTERLY, RI
RESOLUTION PRESERVING THE NAME, SIGNIFICANCE AND
OBSERVANCE OF THE VICTORY DAY HOLIDAY

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

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

WHEREAS, renaming this day to Peace and Remembrance Day is disrespectful to our military veterans, a disservice to our civilians that contributed to the war effort, and dismissive of their collective memory, sacrifices, efforts, historical lineage and merited honors.

WHEREAS, the Westerly Town Council has concerns relative to previously proposed House Bill 5887, this bill's potential reintroduction, or that of its content and intent in any legislative form in the future, that such bills are understood to be an act that would change the name of the holiday on the second Monday of August from Victory Day to Peace and Remembrance Day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Council of Westerly respectfully requests our legislators oppose the passing of any such future bills as a commitment to preserving the great sacrifices made by our revered veterans and their families, to ensure that their honors and histories, from memory never fades.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, Senator Victoria Gu, Representative Samuel A. Azzinaro, Representative Brian P. Kennedy, Representative Tina L. Spears, and the City and Town Councils.

ADOPTED: September 22, 2025

A true copy dated: September 23, 2025

ATTEST: *Mary L. LeBlanc, MMC*

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Council Clerk