

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

100th Anniversary of Romania's Great Union

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2018, Romanians across the United States will celebrate 100 years since the Great Union of Romanians, which led to the consolidation of a modern state inspired by the principles of freedom, democracy, economic liberty and social progress; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Romania share a deep and longstanding friendship and a strategic partnership built around democratic values and historical ties, as well as a joint commitment to advancing the strength of transatlantic security and the promise of their mutual prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the talent, energy and creativity of successive generations of Romanian-Americans, their rich cultural heritage and their contributions to American progress represent a most precious feature of American society; and

WHEREAS, ties between the State of Rhode Island and Romania are increasingly more diverse due to an expansion in bilateral trade, educational programs and the advent of an open community of American and Romanian youth, who engage freely in innovation and entrepreneurship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby congratulate Romania, the Romanian people and all Romanian-Americans in our state on the Anniversary of 100 years since Romania's Great Union. I commend Romania for her achievements as a vibrant nation and for being a close and trusted friend and partner of the United States.

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Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 13 day of June, 2018

Gina M. Raimondo Governor

Nellie M. Gorbea Secretary of State