State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Gubernatorial Proclamation

Surveyors Week

WHEREAS, surveyors and mappers are counted among the founding leaders of our
country and were instrumental in the formation of the layout of property boundaries in the
United States which have provided our citizens the enjoyment of property ownership; and

WHEREAS, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and other former Presidents of the
United States, served their fellow colonists as surveyors; and

WHEREAS, this being the celebration of the 240th year of the independence of United
States and Stephen Hopkins, a Surveyor, 19th Governor of the State of Rhode Island and
Providence Plantations under the Royal Charter of 1663 was a signer of the Declaration of
Independence; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Rhode Island recognize the valuable contributions of the
surveying and mapping profession to history, development, and quality of life in Rhode
Island and the United States of America and make important decisions based on the
knowledge and expertise of licensed surveyors and mappers; and

WHEREAS, the surveying and mapping profession requires special education, training,
the knowledge of mathematics, the related physical and applied sciences, and requirements
of law for evidence; and

WHEREAS, surveyors and mappers are uniquely qualified and licensed to determine and
describe land and water boundaries for the management of natural resources and protection
of private and public property rights; and

WHEREAS, the continual advancements in instrumentation have required the surveyor
and mapper not only to be able to understand and implement the methods of the past, but
also to learn and employ modern technology in finding solutions to meet the challenges of
the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do
hereby proclaim March 21 – 26, 2016, as: Surveyors Week in the state and encourage all
citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this week.

Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 9th day of March, 2016

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State