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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2025, TO BE "CRIME VICTIMS AWARENESS MONTH" IN  
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Tanzi, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Hull, J.  
Lombardi, Handy, McNamara, McEntee, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: April 08, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, In 2024, the Rhode Island State Police and the Department of Public Safety  
2 reported that 232 robberies, 1,032 assaults, 325 sexual crimes, and 23 homicides occurred in our  
3 State; and

4 WHEREAS, Being a victim of crime and navigating the criminal justice system can be a  
5 frightening and confusing experience; and

6 WHEREAS, Progress in improving the treatment of crime victims has been made  
7 through the efforts of thousands of victims and survivors who have turned their own experiences  
8 into a force for positive change, ensuring that others can receive justice, meaningful assistance,  
9 and compassionate treatment before the law; and

10 WHEREAS, Since the passage of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, and through the  
11 dedicated work of advocates, lawmakers, and victim service providers, there is a growing array of  
12 services and resources available to victims and their loved ones; and

13 WHEREAS, Honoring the rights of victims—including the rights to be heard and be  
14 treated with fairness, dignity, and respect—and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in  
15 the criminal justice and social service systems; and

16 WHEREAS, Individuals’ trust in the compassion, understanding, and support of their  
17 communities is achieved through sustained, deep-rooted, and coordinated outreach; and

18 WHEREAS, Identifying, reaching, and serving all victims of crime—especially those  
19 from groups that often have less access to healing services and avenues to justice—is essential;

1     and

2             WHEREAS, Our State’s continued engagement with the challenges faced by victims of  
3     crime will ensure that the progress made to date is not lost, and that new ground is broken to gain  
4     greater justice and healing for all victims; and

5             WHEREAS, Crime Victims Awareness Month provides an opportunity to recommit to  
6     ensuring that accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services are offered to all victims of  
7     crime and their families; now, therefore be it

8             RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
9     proclaims April of 2025 to be “Crime Victims Awareness Month” and reaffirms the State’s  
10    commitment to victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, and expresses our sincere  
11    gratitude and appreciation to those community members, victim service providers, and criminal  
12    justice professionals who are committed to improving our State’s response to all victims of crime  
13    in order that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace; and be it further

14            RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
15    transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Liz Gledhill, Training Director, Center for  
16    Trauma Informed Policing.

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