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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING MAY 11-17, 2025, AS "QUAHOG WEEK 2025" IN THE STATE OF  
RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale,  
Solomon, McNamara, Ackerman, Tanzi, Corvese, and Diaz  
Date Introduced: May 13, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

- 1 WHEREAS, Rhode Island proudly supports its burgeoning food industry; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Rhode Island's fishing and seafood sector is a key component of the Rhode
- 3 Island food industry; and
- 4 WHEREAS, A recent study by the University of Rhode Island finds that the total
- 5 economic impact of Rhode Island's fisheries and seafood sector is nearly 4,300 jobs and \$420
- 6 million in statewide economic impact annually; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island quahog fishery plays a particularly important role in the
- 8 history, culture, and economy of the State; and
- 9 WHEREAS, In 2022, approximately 397,000 meat pounds were harvested from
- 10 Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island coastal waters; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Rhode Island's commercial quahog fishery is characterized by over 500
- 12 independent owner/operators who typically work alone on small boats and often in harsh
- 13 conditions; and
- 14 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island quahog fishery produces a steady supply of fresh product
- 15 to the market throughout the year, thanks to a well-managed, sustainable resource and the grit and
- 16 determination of the hardworking harvesters; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Rhode Island's seafood retailers provide fresh Rhode Island quahogs to local
- 18 consumers, enriching palates and bolstering our local food economy; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Water quality improvements in Narragansett Bay have led to the opening of

1 1,908 acres of new shellfishing waters in the lower Providence River, providing a significant  
2 growth opportunity for the fishery; and

3 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Seafood Marketing Collaborative was established by the  
4 Rhode Island General Assembly in 2011, for the purpose of promoting and advancing the  
5 interests of Rhode Island's seafood industry; and

6 WHEREAS, A key initiative of the Collaborative has been "Quahog Week," an annual  
7 statewide celebration that highlights the importance and appeal of Rhode Island's iconic clam;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The 8th annual "Quahog Week" takes place in 2025 during the week of May  
10 11 through May 17; and

11 WHEREAS, "Quahog Week 2025" features a large number of restaurants and markets  
12 throughout the State offering quahog-based specials on their menus and in their display cases.  
13 "Quahog Week 2025" will also feature special events; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
15 commemorates May 11-17, 2025, as "Quahog Week 2025" and congratulates the Rhode Island  
16 Seafood Marketing Collaborative, the Rhode Island Shellfishermen's Association, and the many  
17 partners who have joined together to make Quahog Week 2025 a premier statewide event; and be  
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That this House hereby encourages all Rhode Islanders to support Rhode  
20 Island's local quahog and seafood industry by participating in Quahog Week and enjoying fresh  
21 Rhode Island quahogs throughout the year; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
23 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Seafood Marketing  
24 Collaborative, and the Rhode Island Shellfishermen's Association.

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