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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

SENATE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 4TH ANNUAL "RI CRAFT BEER WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND ON MARCH 7TH THROUGH MARCH 16TH OF 2025

Introduced By: Senators Murray, Felag, E Morgan, LaMountain, Acosta, McKenney, Ciccone, Euer, Bell, and Zurier
Date Introduced: March 11, 2025

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Rhode Island has become home to myriad beer manufacturers who quench
2 our thirst and tantalize our taste buds with an amazing and ever evolving variety of unique craft
3 beers; and
4 WHEREAS, A little more than a decade ago, the State had five breweries while currently
5 there are fifty in the RI Brewers Guild, offering more than 150 selections; and
6 WHEREAS, Small businesses are the backbone of Rhode Island’s economy, with craft
7 breweries becoming an economic force at the local and state level, contributing \$876 million
8 annually in wages and benefits, and supporting 7,161 jobs; and
9 WHEREAS, The craft brewing industry's economic impact also includes the sale of non-
10 beer products including food and merchandise sold by brewpub restaurants and brewery
11 taprooms, and at beer tours of local craft breweries; and
12 WHEREAS, Breweries are giving new and exciting life to sleepy commercial districts
13 and abandoned mills, helping local communities to invigorate and re-invent neighborhoods; and
14 WHEREAS, This year's "RI Craft Beer Week" has as its theme "We've got you covered
15 from head to toe," in which quality merchandise will be given away to include one-of-a-kind
16 Richardson ball caps and Rhode Island Craft Beer Week ball socks. A big highlight of the week
17 will also be the introduction of a brand new All Guild Member Collaborative Beer, an 8.2 ABV
18 Hazy Double IPA. Other fun festivities and events being held this week include live music,
19 Bingo, Armed Forces & Families Night, a singles event and a comedy Show; and

1 WHEREAS, With innovative offerings, Rhode Island’s breweries are meeting
2 consumer’s increasing demand, and bringing growth and economic value to our State; now,
3 therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby celebrates and offers a
5 hardy “Cheers!” for the 4th annual “RI Craft Beer Week” in the State. We moreover hope the
6 industry continues to grow and flourish; and

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Nils Weldy, Executive Director of the RI
9 Brewers Guild.

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