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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

DECLARING MARCH 27, 2026, TO BE "GOOD FOOD POLICY DAY" IN RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Speakman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale,  
Boylan, Donovan, Kennedy, Tanzi, Solomon, and Ajello  
Date Introduced: March 26, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Good Food Policy Day is the Rhode Island Food Policy Council's (RIFPC)  
2 annual celebration of the importance of food advocacy, ensuring that all food stakeholders' voices  
3 are heard. People gather to raise awareness about food system issues that RIFPC cares about, and  
4 advocates for and speaks directly with legislators about why the RIFPC agenda would make life  
5 better for all Rhode Islanders; and

6           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Food Policy Council advocates for increasing the  
7 production of, and the demand for, local food, encourages the development of a thriving and just  
8 food economy, ensures access to affordable, healthful, culturally relevant food for all residents,  
9 and works towards community health for all residents; and

10           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Food Policy Council also supports passing legislation that  
11 promotes urban and small farm success, healthy school meals, and support for businesses that  
12 donate surplus food; now, therefore be it

13           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
14 declares March 27, 2026, to be "Good Food Policy Day" in Rhode Island; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That this House recognizes and expresses gratitude to the RIFPC Executive  
16 Director, Nessa J. Richman, Food, Climate and Environment Program Director, Isaac Bearg,  
17 Associate Director for Operations, Josh Daly, Associate Director for Network, Rachel Newman  
18 Greene, Program Associate- Food, Climate, Environment, Isaac Reid, and the Compost Data &  
19 Policy Intern , Arybella Thuel; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

- 1 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Nessa J. Richman, Executive Director,
- 2 Rhode Island Food Policy Council.

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