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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THRIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC.
TO SUPPORT THE HILLSGROVE CLUBHOUSE PROGRAM

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Edwards, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Hull, J.
Lombardi, and Donovan

Date Introduced: April 08, 2026

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, Thrive Behavioral Health, Inc. operates the Hillsgrove Clubhouse Program
2 in Warwick, Rhode Island, a community-based psychiatric rehabilitation program serving
3 individuals living with serious mental illness; and

4 WHEREAS, The Hillsgrove Clubhouse utilizes the internationally recognized,
5 evidenced-based, clubhouse model, which supports recovery through meaningful work, peer
6 engagement, and community integration; and

7 WHEREAS, The Hillsgrove Clubhouse Program is the only accredited program of its
8 kind in the State of Rhode Island, providing a unique and essential component of the state's
9 behavioral health continuum of care; and

10 WHEREAS, The program serves more than one hundred sixty-five (165) individuals
11 statewide, offering services that promote employment, education, housing stability, and long-term
12 recovery outcomes; and

13 WHEREAS, Thrive Behavioral Health, Inc., recently received notice from the Executive
14 Office of Health and Human Services that it can no longer bill the State Medicaid Program for
15 services provided within the Hillsgrove Clubhouse Program and said notice did not include any
16 alternative billing mechanisms leaving the Program's status in financial jeopardy

17 WHEREAS, Investment in community-based behavioral health programs reduces
18 reliance on higher-cost services, including hospitalization and emergency care, while improving
19 quality of life for Rhode Island residents; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not
2 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2026-2027, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars
3 (\$500,000); that the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities, and
4 hospitals (BHDDH) is hereby authorized and directed to disburse these funds to Thrive
5 Behavioral Health, Inc. to support the operation and expansion of the Hillsgrove Clubhouse
6 Program; and that the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw orders upon the
7 general treasurer for the payment of said sum.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF

J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of five hundred thousand
2 dollars (\$500,000) to Thrive Behavioral Health, Inc. to support the Hillsgrove Clubhouse
3 Program.

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