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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY AS "RHODE ISLAND LABYRINTH DAY" AND RECOGNIZING MAY 2, 2026, AS "WORLD LABYRINTH DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Speakman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Knight, Boylan, Kennedy, Ajello, Santucci, Read, and Fogarty

Date Introduced: April 30, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, World Labyrinth Day is held annually on the first Saturday in May, and
2 May 2, 2026, marks this international celebration of an ancient tradition that continues to meet
3 contemporary needs for rituals of self-care supporting physical, spiritual, and behavioral health;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Labyrinths have been used for centuries across cultures as pathways for
6 walking meditation, reflection, and mindfulness, offering individuals a simple yet powerful way
7 to restore balance, cultivate inner peace, and enhance overall well-being; and

8 WHEREAS, Civic, social, and personal stresses have given rise across the nation to
9 increased levels of anxiety, loneliness, grief, depression, and environmental detachment,
10 highlighting the importance of accessible, restorative, and community-centered practices; and

11 WHEREAS, More than two dozen walking meditation labyrinths exist across the Ocean
12 State, offering welcoming and inclusive public spaces for reflection, mindfulness, and meaningful
13 community and environmental connection; and

14 WHEREAS, World Labyrinth Day promotes a global "Wave of Peace," inviting people
15 around the world to "Walk as One" at 1:00 p.m., creating a moving meditation for unity,
16 harmony, and hope; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
18 proclaims the first Saturday in May as "Rhode Island Labyrinth Day"; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That this House hereby recognizes May 2, 2026, as "World Labyrinth Day"

1 in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That this House encourages all Rhode Islanders to visit a labyrinth, to join
3 others in the reflective "Wave of Peace," to "Walk as One" at 1:00 p.m., and to experience the
4 many physical, emotional, and spiritual benefits of this uplifting practice; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to representatives of Rhode Island's labyrinth
7 organizations and Tom Flanagan of Blue Skies Rhode Island.

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