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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING AND CELEBRATING MAY 7, 2026, AS "CHILDCARE AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Slater, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, McEntee, Casimiro, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: May 05, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, On May 7, 2026, a panoply of citizens representing myriad organizations
2 and institutions from across our State will celebrate the 14th annual Childcare Awareness Day;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, This event is held to discuss the challenges and advocate for resources to
5 meet the needs of Rhode Island's children and their families and to highlight the work of various
6 organizations and programs in our State that work every day to improve the lives of children,
7 youth, and families by providing high-quality care and education; and

8 WHEREAS, The world's healthcare crisis brought to the forefront our State's urgent and
9 critical need and reliance upon safe and continuous child care; and

10 WHEREAS, Research on the human brain reveals that an overwhelming amount of a
11 person's lifetime brain development occurs during early childhood, before the age of three; and

12 WHEREAS, To be prepared for success, our children must receive high-quality child
13 care from caregivers who have the appropriate skills, education, and training; and

14 WHEREAS, A childcare teacher's day is spent interacting with children and caring for
15 their needs, because it is through play, interaction, and socializing that children learn the
16 fundamentals about others, as well as the world around them; and

17 WHEREAS, High quality child care is sensitive, responsive, personal, and
18 developmentally appropriate. It provides the proper nurturing that children need at one of the
19 most critical and vulnerable times in their lives; and

1 WHEREAS, It is of immense importance to our State's economy and to Rhode Island's
2 families that their children receive the highest quality care and are challenged at an early age, in
3 order that they may develop the necessary abilities to thrive in adulthood and someday lead our
4 State into an even brighter future; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
6 proclaims and celebrates May 7, 2026, as "Childcare Awareness Day." We furthermore urge the
7 citizens of Rhode Island to recognize the tremendous skills, dedication, diligence, and value of
8 laudable childcare providers who protect and equip our children for future success; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the President of the Child Care Directors
12 Association, the Director of Prevent Child Abuse RI, and the Chair of the Permanent Legislative
13 Commission on Child Care.

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