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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING JUNE 4, 2026, TO BE "COX IMPACT DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Kennedy, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Chippendale, Azzinaro, Slater, Ajello, Read, Santucci, and Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: June 04, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Cox Communications is committed to creating meaningful moments of  
2 human connection through technology. As the largest private broadband company in America,  
3 Cox operates fiber-powered networks in more than 30 States, providing connections and  
4 advanced cloud and managed IT services for nearly seven million homes and businesses  
5 nationwide. They are dedicated to empowering others to build a better future and celebrate  
6 diverse products, people, suppliers, communities, and the characteristics that make each one  
7 unique; and

8           WHEREAS, Cox Communications is the largest division of Cox Enterprises, a family-  
9 owned business founded in 1898 by Governor James M. Cox; and

10           WHEREAS, Since 2001, Cox employees and business partners have invested in Cox  
11 Charities, a charitable giving initiative of Cox Communications. Cox Charities has invested more  
12 than \$11 million in grants and in-kind support to organizations providing S.T.E.A.M. [Science,  
13 Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math] enrichment programs to youth throughout the  
14 Northeast; and

15           WHEREAS, Cox believes in community action through giving and loves the position  
16 they hold as a contributing member of the community. This compels Cox to provide support with  
17 monetary, media and premium gift contributions that provide goodwill to organizations and  
18 causes in need and strengthens the social, economic and educational infrastructure of our  
19 community; and

1           WHEREAS, Cox demonstrates what they firmly believe by their focused areas of giving,  
2 concentrating their support in the following key areas: Environment – Cox supports organizations  
3 and initiatives that encourage environmental sustainability and conservation; Civic and  
4 Community Engagement-- Cox supports charitable and community organizations that make a  
5 positive difference in the communities they serve; and Youth & Education -- Cox supports  
6 programs targeted toward providing children with the essentials they need to grow up into self-  
7 supporting and contributing members of society. Realizing the importance of education, Cox  
8 supports initiatives that enhance educational efforts, particularly at the K-12 level; Equal  
9 Opportunity -- Cox supports organizations that expand access to education, job training, and  
10 workforce development for underserved teens and adults; and Technology -- Cox supports  
11 initiatives that enhance technology curriculum for children; and

12           WHEREAS, The 2026 Rhode Island recipients of Cox Charities grants are: ACE Mentor  
13 Program of Rhode Island; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island; College Visions; DownCity  
14 Design; Federal Hill House Association; Junior Achievement of Rhode Island; Meeting Street;  
15 Mini Entrepreneurs of Rhode Island; Providence Public Library; RAMP – Real Action Motivates  
16 Progress; Revive the Roots; Roots2Empower; and Skills for Rhode Island's Future; now,  
17 therefore be it

18           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
19 proclaims June 4, 2026, to be "Cox Impact Day" in the State of Rhode Island and offers its  
20 sincerest thanks to Cox for its philanthropic efforts in Rhode Island; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
22 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Ms. Nora Crowley, Director of Government  
23 Affairs for Cox Communications, and Ms. Rosie Fernandez, Manager of Community & Public  
24 Affairs for Cox Communications.

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