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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

SENATE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING "URI DAY" AT THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE ON MARCH 26,  
2026

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Lawson, Tikoian, Ciccone, Gallo, Dimitri, Lauria,  
E Morgan, Urso, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: March 26, 2026

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The University of Rhode Island is the state's flagship public research  
2 university, recently named the #1 public university in New England by The Wall Street Journal  
3 for the second year in a row and designated an R1 institution in the latest Carnegie Classification,  
4 joining a highly selective group of U.S. universities noted for research excellence; and

5 WHEREAS, URI offers undergraduate, graduate, and professional students distinctive  
6 educational opportunities designed to meet the global challenges of today's world and the rapidly  
7 evolving needs of tomorrow; and

8 WHEREAS, As a Carnegie R1 institution, URI offers education, research, outreach, and  
9 economic development programs that contribute significantly to the health and vitality of our  
10 state. URI is a key driver of economic and workforce development in Rhode Island. The  
11 University maintains strong and robust partnerships with many local, national, and international  
12 companies in a variety of industries, including defense, manufacturing, agriculture, aquaculture,  
13 and renewable energy. URI also provides research expertise and professional development  
14 opportunities to many corporate and community partners; and

15 WHEREAS, With a diverse and vibrant student body representing more than 75 nations,  
16 URI offers some 200 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs, as well as study abroad  
17 courses, and myriad summer, winter, and honors programs; and

18 WHEREAS, Faculty at the University are distinguished scholars and researchers whose  
19 excellence and commitment to their students is unsurpassed; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby celebrates “URI Day”  
2 on March 26, 2026 at the Rhode Island State House, and thanks the University, faculty, and staff  
3 for the significant contributions they provide to our state through education, research, and  
4 economic development that improves the lives of all Rhode Islanders; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Marc B. Parlange, President of the University  
7 of Rhode Island.

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