

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

SENATE RESOLUTION

**CONDEMNING POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND REAFFIRMING THE PRINCIPLES OF
CIVILITY, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE**

Introduced By: Senator Jessica de la Cruz

Date Introduced: April 30, 2026

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island and the United States of America are founded
2 upon democratic principles that depend upon the peaceful exchange of ideas, the rule of law, and
3 respect for differing viewpoints; and

4 WHEREAS, Political violence in any form—whether threatened or carried out—
5 undermines the foundations of a free society, erodes public trust, and endangers the safety of
6 public officials, candidates for office, and the general public; and

7 WHEREAS, Recent years have seen a troubling rise in politically motivated threats and
8 acts of violence across the nation, directed at individuals of differing political affiliations and
9 roles in public life; and

10 WHEREAS, Most recently, an attempted act of violence directed at President Donald J.
11 Trump has once again underscored the urgent need to reject violence and reaffirm our shared
12 commitment to peaceful civic engagement; and

13 WHEREAS, The people of Rhode Island stand united in the belief that disagreements
14 must be resolved through dialogue, democratic processes, and the ballot box—not through
15 intimidation, coercion, or violence; and

16 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of leaders at all levels of government to model
17 civility, encourage respectful discourse, and unequivocally condemn violence regardless of its
18 source or target; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby condemns political

1 violence in all its forms and calls upon all individuals and institutions to reject extremism and
2 uphold the rule of law; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That this Senate specifically denounces the most recent attempted act of
4 violence against President Donald J. Trump, and affirms that such acts have no place in our
5 democracy; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate urges all Rhode Islanders to promote a climate of mutual
7 respect, civic responsibility, and peaceful participation in the democratic process; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, Donald J.
10 Trump, and members of the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation.

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