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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

Introduced By: Representatives Kislak, Shekarchi, Felix, Hull, Cotter, Blazejewski, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Morales, and Potter

Date Introduced: March 21, 2025

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

1	WHEREAS, The LGBTQIA+ community is an integral part of Rhode Island's
2	population; and
3	WHEREAS, The LGBTQIA+ community has fought relentlessly for inclusion and
4	equality, yet LGBTQIA+ people still experience harassment and discrimination based on their
5	sexual orientation and gender identity locally, nationally and internationally; and
6	WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island, which was founded on the principle of individual
7	freedom, celebrates the diversity of its people and their right to live out loud, free of
8	discrimination, fear, and prejudice; and
9	WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island remains committed to protecting the civil rights
10	of the LGBTQIA+ community; and
11	WHEREAS, Transgender and Nonbinary Rhode Islanders are facing threats to their very
12	existence and this Rhode Island State House of Representatives will continue to strengthen its
13	commitment to ensuring dignity and full access to public life; and
14	WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ people, people of color, and particularly trans women of color,
15	face greater disparities in the areas of health, housing, and criminal justice and are many times
16	more likely to be the victims of fatal violence; and
17	WHEREAS, Every human being has the right to love freely and live their lives openly as
18	who they are; now, therefore be it
19	RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
20	proclaims its solidarity with and expresses its support for Rhode Island's LGBTQIA +

- 1 community; and be it further
- 2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
- 3 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the
- 4 Honorable Daniel McKee.

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