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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF \$175,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Introduced By: Representatives Knight, Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson, Ruggiero, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: January 31, 2018

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Community Food Bank is a nonprofit 501(c)(3)
2 organization, founded in 1982 to provide food to people in need and promote long-term solutions
3 to the problem of hunger; and

4 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Community Food Bank is the only food bank in Rhode
5 Island and is responsible for the efficient distribution of donated and purchased food to its
6 statewide network of 155 member agencies; and

7 WHEREAS, The recent economic downturn has resulted in food insecurity and hunger
8 reaching a ten-year high due to soaring unemployment and growing poverty; and

9 WHEREAS, By the end of 2017, emergency food pantries were serving over 57,000
10 people each month, an increase of fifty-seven percent since 2007; and

11 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Community Food Bank has received funding from the
12 State of Rhode Island since fiscal Year 2007; and

13 WHEREAS, State funding to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank was \$345,637 in
14 Fiscal Year 2008; and

15 WHEREAS, State funding has been allocated in the amount of \$175,000 for Fiscal Year
16 2019; and

17 WHEREAS, The restoration of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank's state funding
18 to the previous level represents greater food security to those Rhode Islanders most in need; now,
19 therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not
2 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2018-2019, an additional sum of one hundred seventy
3 five thousand dollars (\$175,000) to the Department of Human Services, in addition to the sums
4 proposed in the Governor's Fiscal Year 2019 budget, for a Grant to be utilized by the Rhode
5 Island Food Bank; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw orders upon
6 the General Treasurer for the payment of said sum upon receipt of properly authenticated
7 vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This joint resolution would authorize the appropriation of an additional one hundred
- 2 seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank.

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