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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S EXECUTIVE ORDER TO WITHDRAW
CITIZENSHIP FROM CHILDREN BORN IN THE UNITED STATES TO UNDOCUMENTED
PARENTS

Introduced By: Representatives Perez, Bennett, Potter, Handy, Alzate, Boylan,
Speakman, McNamara, Giraldo, and Casey

Date Introduced: January 29, 2025

Referred To: House Judiciary

1 WHEREAS, On January 20th, 2025, shortly after being sworn into office, President
2 Donald Trump signed an executive order as part of his hardline anti-immigration agenda; and

3 WHEREAS, The executive order outlined the end to birthright citizenship, which refers
4 to a constitutionally protected right that grants automatic United States citizenship to babies born
5 in this country, and includes children of undocumented immigrants or tourists and students on
6 short-term visas; and

7 WHEREAS, This policy has been in place for more than 150 years and is enshrined in
8 the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution, which grants citizenship to people "born
9 or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof" regardless of their
10 parent's immigration or citizenship status; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the Pew Center for Research, in 2022, 1.3 million United
12 States-born adults who live with their parents were born to undocumented immigrants; and

13 WHEREAS, It is estimated that ending birthright citizenship for US children with two
14 unauthorized immigrant parents would increase the existing "unauthorized population" by 4.7
15 million people by 2050; and

16 WHEREAS, More than thirty countries around the world allow birthright citizenship
17 including, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chad,
18 Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana,
19 Honduras, Jamaica, Lesotho, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis,

1 Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uruguay
2 and Venezuela; and

3 WHEREAS, In addition to birthright citizenship, in many countries, citizenship can be
4 obtained through one parent being a citizen, marriage, naturalization, dual citizenship, and
5 citizenship by investment; and

6 WHEREAS, To date, Attorneys General from twenty-two states have filed lawsuits
7 against President Trump's move to ban birthright citizenship; and

8 WHEREAS, President Trump's Executive Order banning birthright citizenship is both
9 illegal and immoral, and will inflict serious harm on American families; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
11 condemns President Donald Trump's executive order to withdraw citizenship from children born
12 in the United States to undocumented parents; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to President Donald Trump, and members of
15 Rhode Island's Congressional Delegation.

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