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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

DECLARING MARCH 27, 2025, TO BE "GOOD FOOD POLICY DAY" IN RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Speakman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale,
Boylan, Kennedy, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, and Bennett
Date Introduced: March 27, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Good Food Policy Day is the Rhode Island Food Policy Council's (RIFPC)
2 annual celebration of the importance of food advocacy, ensuring that all food stakeholders' voices
3 are heard. People gather to raise awareness about food system issues that RIFPC cares about, and
4 advocates for and speaks directly with legislators about why the RIFPC agenda would make life
5 better for all Rhode Islanders; and

6 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Food Policy Council advocates for increasing the
7 production of, and the demand for, local food, encourages the development of a thriving and just
8 food economy, ensures access to affordable, healthful, culturally relevant food for all residents,
9 and works towards community health for all residents; and

10 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Food Policy Council also supports passing legislation that
11 promotes urban and small farm success, healthy school meals, and support for businesses that
12 donate surplus food; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
14 declares March 27, 2025, to be "Good Food Policy Day" in Rhode Island; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That this House also recognizes and expresses gratitude to the RIFPC
16 Board of Directors, Diane Lynch, RIFPC Board President, Rebecca Kelley, RIFPC Food Access
17 & Nutrition Security Work Group, Angel Mendez, RIFPC Food Business & Economic
18 Development Work Group, and Tyson Bottenus, RIFPC Food, Climate & Environment Work
19 Group, for their outstanding work supporting farms, fisheries and food businesses; and be it
20 further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Diane Lynch, Board President, Rhode
3 Island Food Policy Council.

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