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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF "EARTH DAY" ON APRIL 22, 2025, IN
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives McGaw, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Carson,
Cortvriend, Speakman, Spears, Boylan, and Ajello

Date Introduced: April 24, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, First held on April 22, 1970, Earth Day was created by Senator Gaylord
2 Nelson to bring national attention and support for environmental protection; and

3 WHEREAS, The very first Earth Day brought twenty million Americans from myriad
4 United States cities out to demonstrate. In 2025, one billion people in more than 192 countries are
5 expected to be involved in a wide range of activities coordinated globally; and

6 WHEREAS, This year marks the 55th Anniversary of Earth Day and is centered on the
7 theme "Our Power, Our Planet," emphasizing the collective responsibility to transition to
8 renewable energy sources and create a sustainable future, with a goal to triple global renewable
9 energy generation by 2030; and

10 WHEREAS, Earth Day has already had a significant and positive impact on our World
11 with 250 million trees planted, educators teaching about environmental issues in 149 countries, 7
12 billion Green School Grants, 2.7 billion Acts of Green, and 36 million cleanup volunteers; and

13 WHEREAS, Earth Day commands a collective voice from our world to encourage
14 governments, businesses and individuals "to acknowledge and rectify their roles in the
15 environmental crisis"; and

16 WHEREAS, Earth Day is an opportunity for "individuals from all backgrounds and
17 walks of life to unite in a global effort to advance sustainability and climate action"; now,
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby

1 celebrates the 55th Anniversary of Earth Day on April 22, 2025, and calls upon all Rhode
2 Islanders to educate themselves on the environmental hazards facing the Earth and our future, and
3 become part of the solution; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Lou Vergato, Executive Director, the Rhode
6 Island Resource Recovery Corporation, and Terrence Gray, Director, Rhode Island Department of
7 Environmental Management.

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