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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$75,000 FOR THE JEWISH COLLABORATIVE SERVICES

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Edwards, Boylan, Potter, Newberry, Hopkins, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi, Kazarian, and Kislak  
Date Introduced: January 28, 2026

Referred To: House Finance

- 1 WHEREAS, Jewish Collaborative Services (JCS) is a nonprofit community service  
2 agency providing resources and supports to Rhode Island households in need; and
- 3 WHEREAS, JCS was formed in 2018 as a merger of Jewish Family Services (est. 1929)  
4 and Jewish Seniors Agency (est.1887), becoming an integrated social service and housing agency  
5 providing critical programs and services that address food insecurity, housing instability, and  
6 access to essential resources for underserved communities; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The mission of JCS is to provide a continuum of support services, guided by  
8 Jewish values, that strengthen the well-being of our community members; and
- 9 WHEREAS, JCS manages a full spectrum of services and programs addressing the most  
10 pressing challenges at-risk individuals face, related to health, social isolation, housing, nutritional,  
11 or emotional well-being; and
- 12 WHEREAS, JCS services center the Jewish community while also being inclusive and  
13 open to all Rhode Islanders in need. Programs extend beyond the Jewish community to support  
14 anyone facing hardship, with a particular focus on populations often underrepresented or  
15 overlooked, like seniors, low-income households, immigrants, and people with disabilities; and
- 16 WHEREAS, JCS provides culturally competent resources unavailable anywhere else in  
17 Rhode Island, including the State’s only kosher pantry, senior congregate kosher meal site, and  
18 Kosher Meals on Wheels; and
- 19 WHEREAS, The organization receives funding from foundations, grants and individual

1 contributions; now, therefore be it

2           RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not  
3 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2026-2027, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars  
4 (\$75,000) to Jewish Collaborative Services to sustain, nurture, and strengthen the well-being of  
5 seniors, adults, children, and families throughout Rhode Island; and the state controller is hereby  
6 authorized and directed to draw their orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said  
7 sum, or so much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of properly  
8 authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
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- 1 This resolution would appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to Jewish Collaborative Services.

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