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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING JULY OF 2025 AS "FRAGILE X AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Serpa,
McEntee, Finkelman, Kennedy, Tanzi, and Shallcross Smith
Date Introduced: January 29, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, In July of 2000, the United States Congress designated July 22 as National
2 Fragile X Awareness Day; and
3 WHEREAS, Fragile X Syndrome is a genetic disorder that can cause intellectual
4 disability, behavioral challenges and physical abnormalities, and is the most common cause of
5 inherited intellectual disability and the most commonly known genetic cause of autism or autism
6 spectrum disorders; and
7 WHEREAS, Over 1.5 million Americans are carriers of an FXS mutation and over
8 100,000 Americans have Fragile X syndrome; and
9 WHEREAS, The genetic defect causing Fragile X has been discovered and is easily
10 identified by DNA testing; however, even within the medical community, it frequently goes
11 undetected due to its rare nature and the lack of awareness about the syndrome; and
12 WHEREAS, Fragile X is the best key to solving autism, and treatments for Fragile X are
13 likely to help people who have Alzheimer’s or other brain disorders; and
14 WHEREAS, Fragile X Syndrome Month is a time to celebrate families and individuals
15 impacted by Fragile X and to raise awareness and highlight the advances in research that will find
16 effective treatments and ultimately a cure; now, therefore be it
17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
18 commemorates July of 2025 as “Fragile X Awareness Month” in the State of Rhode Island and
19 urges all Rhode Islanders to become aware, share information, and advocate for advancements in

1 research and treatment for individuals, and support for the families, affected by Fragile X
2 Syndrome; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the National Fragile X Foundation (NFXF), and
5 Little Rhody Warriors.

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