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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO HIGHER GROUND INTERNATIONAL TO SUPPORT
THEIR CRITICAL WORK SUPPORTING IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEE POPULATIONS**

Introduced By: Representative Scott Slater

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: House Finance

1 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated to HIGHER GROUND
2 INTERNATIONAL, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, the sum of two hundred
3 fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for
4 fiscal year 2026-2027, to support Higher Ground International's critical work with and supporting
5 immigrants and refugee populations including, but not limited to, Liberian and West African
6 immigrants, refugees, and other marginalized communities within the state. This work includes,
7 but is not limited to, providing basic needs supplies, literacy and language classes, clinical
8 therapy, job skills training, immigration assistance, transportation, the Sweetie Care African
9 Elders Enrichment Program, and case management services, to ensure those who come from
10 marginalized communities have the tools they need to thrive, with a particular focus on
11 communities within the West End neighborhoods of Providence. The state controller is hereby
12 authorized and directed to draw their orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said
13 sum, or so much thereof as maybe from time to time required, upon receipt of properly
14 authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO HIGHER GROUND INTERNATIONAL TO SUPPORT
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1 This joint resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of two hundred fifty
2 thousand dollars (\$250,000) to Higher Ground International, to support their mission of
3 supporting immigrants and refugee populations.

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