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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING THE RHODE ISLAND FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

Introduced By: Senators Ujifusa, Tikoian, Bell, Sosnowski, Lawson, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: March 27, 2025

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Food Policy Council (RIFPC), established in 2011, has
2 been instrumental in promoting resilience, addressing food insecurity, and ensuring sustainable
3 production of and access to nutritious food for all Rhode Islanders; and

4 WHEREAS, The RIFPC has fostered collaboration, education, and innovation among a
5 diverse range of stakeholders, including volunteers, community organizations, government
6 agencies, farmers, food businesses, and social justice advocates; and

7 WHEREAS, The RIFPC has led efforts to analyze existing food systems and supported
8 development of plans, including the Rhode Island Food Strategy, to ensure that future food needs
9 of all Rhode Islanders can be met; and

10 WHEREAS, The RIFPC has been a key advocate for policies that address food insecurity
11 and hunger, ensuring equitable access to healthy, nutritious food for Rhode Islanders of all ages,
12 incomes, and backgrounds; and

13 WHEREAS, The RIFPC’s support for local agriculture and sustainability initiatives has
14 strengthened Rhode Island’s economy while safeguarding both the environment and food security
15 for future generations; and

16 WHEREAS, Given the uncertainty of continued national and international support for
17 important food policy work, it is crucial that Rhode Island recognize and support RIFPC; and

18 WHEREAS, The immediate and existential threat of climate change to our food systems,
19 health, and safety, make it even more urgent to recognize and support RIFPC; now, therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby honors the Rhode

1 Island Food Policy Council for its outstanding work promoting resilience, addressing food
2 insecurity, and ensuring sustainable production of and access to nutritious food for all Rhode
3 Islanders; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby commends the Rhode Island Food Policy Council's
5 staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication, and expresses its gratitude for their
6 continued leadership and service to the people of Rhode Island; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island
9 Speaker of the House and President of the Senate, Rhode Island's Congressional Delegation, and
10 other relevant state and federal leaders, to acknowledge and honor the extraordinary contributions
11 of the Rhode Island Food Policy Council.

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