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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,000,000 TO THE ELISHA PROJECT

Introduced By: Senators Quezada, Acosta, Kallman, Bissaillon, Valverde, Bell, Pearson, DiMario, Lauria, and Vargas

Date Introduced: January 23, 2026

Referred To: Senate Finance

1 WHEREAS, Thousands of Rhode Island families experience food insecurity at a given
2 point each year; and

3 WHEREAS, The Elisha Project is a 501(c)3 organization, whose operations center is
4 located in Pawtucket, is dedicated to combatting food insecurity in Pawtucket and elsewhere in
5 the Blackstone Valley and in the State of Rhode Island; and

6 WHEREAS, The Elisha Project is a movement that is focused on bringing diverse
7 communities together through service, sharing, teaching and learning – in order to make a
8 positive impact in all communities; and

9 WHEREAS, The Elisha Project is a community safety net that provides food and other
10 necessities to people who are in need every day, and as costs for families continue to be high, the
11 need for the Elisha Project’s assistance will most assuredly increase; and

12 WHEREAS, The Elisha Project serves all aspects of the community, including providing
13 programming specifically for children, veterans, and families; and

14 WHEREAS, Since its founding, the Elisha Project has shared over twenty million meals
15 to deserving families; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not
17 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2026-2027, the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000)
18 to the Elisha Project; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders
19 upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may be from time

1 to time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$2,000,000 to the Elisha
- 2 Project.

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