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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE CULTURE AND HERITAGE OF TAÍNO DESCENDANTS IN RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Acosta, Dimitri, Urso, Appollonio, Vargas, and Pearson

Date Introduced: March 03, 2026

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The residents of this state of Taíno heritage merit recognition; and

2 WHEREAS, Such residents serve a vital role in the state's diverse cultural fabric; and

3 WHEREAS, The Taíno are the Indigenous people of Borikén and other Caribbean
4 Islands, with a rich cultural heritage, language, and traditions; and

5 WHEREAS, Members of several Taíno tribal communities, including the Cibuco
6 Bayamón Taíno Tribe, the Baramaya Guainía Yukayeke, and the Baitoa Magua Yaque Taíno,
7 reside in and contribute to communities across the State of Rhode Island through cultural
8 preservation, education, and community engagement; and

9 WHEREAS, The Taíno people contributed both historically and culturally to this state;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Taíno-identifying residents of Rhode Island are part of a broader Taíno
12 diaspora and contribute to the cultural diversity of the state through education, community
13 engagement, and cultural preservation; and

14 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island acknowledges the presence and partnership of the
15 Rhode Island American Indian Heritage Commission, and the Federation of Aboriginal Nations
16 of the Americas, whose members represent the continued survival and resurgence of Taíno
17 heritage in the region; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby recognizes Taíno
19 heritage and acknowledges the presence and contributions of Taíno-descended residents within

1 the state, ensuring that their heritage is recognized and preserved for future generations while
2 fostering a greater understanding of their historical and ongoing contributions to the state; and be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Taíno community representatives in Rhode
6 Island.

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