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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

Introduced By: Representatives Kislak, Noret, Felix, Hull, Cotter, Blazejewski, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Morales, and Potter
Date Introduced: March 21, 2025

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

WHEREAS, The LGBTQIA+ community is an integral part of Rhode Island's population; and

WHEREAS, The LGBTQIA+ community has fought relentlessly for inclusion and equality, yet LGBTQIA+ people still experience harassment and discrimination based on their sexual orientation and gender identity locally, nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island, which was founded on the principle of individual freedom, celebrates the diversity of its people and their right to live out loud, free of discrimination, fear, and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island remains committed to protecting the civil rights of the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, Transgender and Nonbinary Rhode Islanders are facing threats to their very existence and this Rhode Island State House of Representatives will continue to strengthen its commitment to ensuring dignity and full access to public life; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ people, people of color, and particularly trans women of color, face greater disparities in the areas of health, housing, and criminal justice and are many times more likely to be the victims of fatal violence; and

WHEREAS, Every human being has the right to love freely and live their lives openly as who they are; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby proclaims its solidarity with and expresses its support for Rhode Island's LGBTQIA +

community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Honorable Daniel McKee.

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