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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$12,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Introduced By: Representative Lauren H. Carson Date Introduced: January 09, 2019 Referred To: House Finance

WHEREAS, In 2006, The Daffodil Project began planting daffodils throughout the City 1 2 of Newport. Yearly, the project expanded to where there are now over 1 million daffodils that 3 brighten the City each spring, celebrated at the annual Newport Daffodil Days Festival; and 4 WHEREAS, In the past two years, the project has expanded to Jamestown and Middletown with an additional 125,000 daffodils, and now partners with RIDOT where 80,000 5 daffodils have been planted along Interstate 95, State Highway 138, and the Airport Connector 6 7 Road; and 8 WHEREAS, Daffodils are dependable "repeaters," spring-flowering perennials that 9 return year after year, propagating over time with more and more blooms; and 10 WHEREAS, This glorious undertaking has greatly benefited the people of the City of 11 Newport and would beautify and enrich the landscape of our entire state, delighting residents and tourists alike; and 12 13 WHEREAS, A mechanical bulb planter, widely used in Canada and Europe, was purchased by a volunteer group and donated to the City of Newport, that enables the user to plant 14 15 10,000 bulbs in 30 minutes, thereby making the task efficient and cost effective; now, therefore 16 be it RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not 17 18 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2019-2020, the sum of twelve thousand dollars

19 (\$12,000) to the Department of Transportation to purchase a bulb planting machine; and the state

- 1 controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw orders upon the general treasurer for the
- 2 payment of said sum, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$12,000 to the

2 Department of Transportation.

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