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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021**

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

**RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT GOVERNOR RAIMONDO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS DUE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19), WHILE AT THE SAME TIME EXPLORING WAYS TO PROTECT LANDLORDS**

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, Biah, Henries, Ranglin-Vassell, and Ajello

Date Introduced: January 22, 2021

Referred To: House Judiciary

1           WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a severe and debilitating respiratory disease that can spread  
2 among people through respiratory transmission and presents symptoms similar to those of  
3 influenza. It can result in serious illnesses and death; and

4           WHEREAS, On March 9, 2020, Governor Gina M. Raimondo declared a state of  
5 emergency in Rhode Island due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease in Rhode Island; and

6           WHEREAS, On March 18, 2020, President Donald J. Trump announced that the  
7 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) had authorized the Federal Housing  
8 Administration (FHA) to implement an immediate foreclosure and eviction moratorium for FHA-  
9 insured single-family mortgages, a moratorium that has been further extended; and

10           WHEREAS, On March 18, 2020, the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), directed  
11 Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to suspend foreclosures and evictions for Enterprise-backed single  
12 family mortgages for at least 60 days. That moratorium was also further extended; and

13           WHEREAS, The current emergency has severely impacted the ability of many people in  
14 Rhode Island to make their mortgage payments or rent payments. Many businesses have closed or  
15 reduced hours, unemployment has increased exponentially and many other people are working  
16 reduced hours; and

17           WHEREAS, Removing people from their homes will only exacerbate the public health  
18 threat that the COVID-19 disease poses to all Rhode Island residents, especially the elderly and

1 those with pre-existing illnesses; now, therefore be it

2           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
3 respectfully requests that Governor Raimondo issue an Executive Order imposing a moratorium  
4 on evictions due to the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) through the full duration of the  
5 crisis, while at the same time exploring ways to protect landlords; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Governor Gina M. Raimondo.

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