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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT  
COUNCIL TO PREPARE A PLAN TO ACCOMPLISH BEACH PROTECTION AND RE-  
NOURISHMENT ALONG THE SHORELINE AT THE SOUTH KINGSTOWN VILLAGE OF  
MATUNUCK

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: May 03, 2012

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

1           WHEREAS, Increased storm surge levels and stronger, more frequent storm events and  
2 heavier precipitation increase the frequency of storm-related flood damage and extend flood  
3 damage to structures lying outside of the existing flood zones, in both coastal and reverie areas;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, The effects of coastal erosion upon the shoreline of the South Kingstown  
6 village of Matunuck have the potential to displace a significant number of residents and cause the  
7 closing of a number of businesses and institutions, either permanently or for significant periods of  
8 time; and

9           WHEREAS, Continued inaction may cause significant damage and irreversible effects to  
10 the village of Matunuck's infrastructure, residential and commercial structures, economy, and  
11 community at large; and

12           WHEREAS, The Coastal Resources Management Council ("the Council") has the ability  
13 to make studies of conditions, activities, or problems of the state's coastal region needed to carry  
14 out its responsibilities; and

15           WHEREAS, The Council has the implementing authority and coordination of state,  
16 federal, local, and private activities to formulate standards where these do not exist, and  
17 reevaluate existing standards; now, therefore be it

18           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

1 hereby respectfully requests that the Coastal Resources Management Council prepare a  
2 comprehensive and detailed plan to address the effects of coastal erosion upon the South  
3 Kingstown village of Matunuck shoreline and to identify necessary cooperating agencies; and be  
4 it further

5           RESOLVED, That the plan give appropriate consideration for the preservation of existing  
6 infrastructure servicing this vicinity and address the need for maintaining continuity of access for  
7 public safety purposes given the historic nature of this village and the continuing erosive threats  
8 to Matunuck beach road; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the Council consider a variety of shoreline protection measures, both  
10 hard and soft, in the development of the plan. The plan will also evaluate the use of experimental  
11 systems and techniques to abate erosion, encourage natural beach accretion, and/or permit sand  
12 replenishment and beach nourishment. The plan should include cost estimates, sources of  
13 funding, and an implementation schedule with expected completion dates for each phase; and be  
14 it further

15           RESOLVED, That the plan be developed in consultation with the Town of South  
16 Kingstown and representatives from businesses and residents from the village of Matunuck. The  
17 plan should be submitted to the governor, the speaker of the house, and the senate president no  
18 later than sixty (60) days after passage of this resolution; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
20 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Honorable Lincoln Chafee,  
21 and the Executive Director of the Coastal Resources Management Council.

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