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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013**

**J O I N T   R E S O L U T I O N**

**MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF \$175,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY FOOD  
BANK**

Introduced By: Representatives Cimini, Palangio, Valencia, Ajello, and Handy

Date Introduced: April 03, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

1           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Community Food Bank is a nonprofit 501(c)(3)  
2 organization, founded in 1982 to provide food to people in need and promote long-term solutions  
3 to the problem of hunger; and

4           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Community Food Bank is the only food bank in Rhode  
5 Island and is responsible for the efficient distribution of donated and purchased food to its  
6 statewide network of 178 member agencies; and

7           WHEREAS, The recent economic downturn has resulted in food insecurity and hunger  
8 reaching a ten-year high due to soaring unemployment and growing poverty; and

9           WHEREAS, By the end of 2012, emergency food pantries were serving over 66,000  
10 people each month, an increase of seventy-four percent in the last four years; and

11           WHEREAS, Donations from local supermarkets to the Rhode Island Community Food  
12 Bank have decreased by twenty percent due to competition and greater efficiency in the food  
13 industry; and

14           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Community Food Bank has received a Community  
15 Service Grant from the State of Rhode Island since fiscal Year 2007; and

16           WHEREAS, The Community Service Grant to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank  
17 was \$345,637 in Fiscal Year 2008; and

18           WHEREAS, The Community Service Grant has been reduced by fifty percent, to  
19 \$172,819 for Fiscal Year 2012; and

1           WHEREAS, The Fiscal Year 2013 budget proposed by the Governor levels funds the  
2 Community Service Grant; and

3           WHEREAS, The restoration of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank's Community  
4 Service Grant to the previous level represents greater food security to those Rhode Islanders most  
5 in need; now, therefore be it

6           RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not  
7 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2013-2014, an additional one hundred seventy five  
8 thousand dollars (\$175,000) to the Department of Human Services, in addition to the sums  
9 proposed in the Governor's Fiscal Year 2013 budget, for a Community Service Grant to be  
10 utilized by the Rhode Island Food Bank; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed  
11 to draw orders upon the General Treasurer for the payment of said sum upon receipt of properly  
12 authenticated vouchers.

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