WHEREAS, President Biden recently announced a goal to shift the country from less
dependence on chemical and petroleum derived fertilizers for lawns and crops and embark on a
greater utilization of fully organic green technologies; and

WHEREAS, In order for the State of Rhode Island to capture its fair share in this new
Green centered economic opportunity, the University of Rhode Island would need economic
assistance to enable it to become a leader in the knowledge of such technologies; and

WHEREAS, Half of the one million dollars in requested funds would be utilized by URI
to rent a temporary modular system for the testing and research for a period of six months to a
year. The other half of the funds would be used to fund internal salaries, internships and expenses
related to demonstrating and validation of the technology that will process restaurant and or
seaweed into a natural organic soil microbe that will reduce the need for commercial nitrogen and
phosphorus; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this General Assembly hereby recognizes the country’s shift to
embark on a greater utilization of fully green technologies related to fertilizers for lawns and crop
production and sustainability; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this General Assembly hereby recognizes that the University of
Rhode Island is on the forefront of programs relating, but not limited to, Sustainable Agriculture
and Food Systems as well as the programs related to Plant Sciences and Entomology; and be it
further
RESOLVED, That this General Assembly hereby recognizes the importance of supporting the University of Rhode Island's efforts to be on the forefront of innovation, through funding to be utilized by the University of Rhode Island's appropriate department(s) to identify, research and test technologies related to fully organic green technologies related to fertilizers for lawns and crop production and sustainability as well as the processing of restaurant food waste and or seaweed in to a natural organic soil microbe that will reduce the need for commercial nitrogen and phosphorus; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2022-2023, the sum of one million dollars ($1,000,000) to the University of Rhode Island to expand the state's economic opportunities in Regenerative Agriculture Technologies; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.
EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
JOINT RESOLUTION
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF $1,000,000 TO THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

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1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of $1,000,000 to the
2 University of Rhode Island to expand the state’s economic opportunities in Regenerative
3 Agriculture Technologies.

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