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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011**

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**J O I N T   R E S O L U T I O N**

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
SERVICES**

Introduced By: Senators Miller, Pichardo, Metts, Perry, and Crowley

Date Introduced: March 10, 2011

Referred To: Senate Finance

1           WHEREAS, Thousands of households in Rhode Island lack sufficient resources to  
2 purchase adequate and nutritious food, and demand at the R.I. Community Food Bank has more  
3 than doubled over the past several years in tandem with increases in the poverty rate has  
4 increased; and

5           WHEREAS, Lack of information about eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition  
6 Assistance Program (SNAP) prevents many low-income residents from accessing the program;  
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8           WHEREAS, SNAP benefits are fully funded by the federal government, and state  
9 expenditures for outreach activities to enroll more eligible Rhode Islanders are matched by the  
10 federal government; and

11           WHEREAS, The federal SNAP program adds many millions of dollars to the state's  
12 economy; now, therefore be it

13           RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not  
14 otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the  
15 Department of Human Services for the fiscal year 2011-2012 to implement activities outlined  
16 within the State of Rhode Island SNAP Outreach Plan approved by the U.S. Department of  
17 Agriculture; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the

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- 1 general treasurer for the payment of said sum upon receipt by him of properly authenticated
- 2 vouchers.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
JOINT RESOLUTION  
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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$150,000 to the
- 2 Department of Human Services for the SNAP outreach program.

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