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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**CELEBRATING AND SUPPORTING THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF 401GIVES, RHODE ISLAND'S STATEWIDE DAY OF GIVING ON APRIL 1, 2024**

Introduced By: Senator Valarie J. Lawson

Date Introduced: March 28, 2024

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Winston Churchill is quoted as saying “We make a living by what we get;  
2 we make a life by what we give.” Powered by the United Way of Rhode Island, 401Gives  
3 empowers every Rhode Islander with the ability to expand their hearts and lives through the joy  
4 of helping others; and

5           WHEREAS, Started in April of 2020, to help altruistic organizations during the COVID  
6 pandemic, 401Gives provides all Rhode Islanders with “a safe, comfortable, and familiar virtual  
7 fundraising experience,” to donate to nonprofit organizations throughout the State; and

8           WHEREAS, Currently, Rhode Island’s nonprofit sector employs 16 percent of the State’s  
9 workforce, representing a higher portion of the RI workforce than the manufacturing industry;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, From education to social needs, as well as the arts, parks, and more, Rhode  
12 Island’s nonprofit sector touches every aspect of life in our State; and

13           WHEREAS, Over the past four years, 401Gives has raised and distributed \$10 million to  
14 more than 800 nonprofits across Rhode Island, and attained a donation realization rate, which is  
15 how much each organization “took home”, of more than 99 percent of their goal; and

16           WHEREAS, Everyone can make a difference in Rhode Island by helping to build the  
17 capacity of all nonprofits in all sectors and geographic locations across the State; now, therefore  
18 be it

19           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby celebrates and

1 wholeheartedly supports the 5th Anniversary of 401Gives on April 1, 2024, and asks every Rhode  
2 Islander to generously donate and grow our State's culture of philanthropy; and be it further  
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Cortney M. Nicolato, MS, President and CEO  
5 of United Way of Rhode Island.

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