

# RESOLUTION

## **in support of the Expansion of the Rhode Island Temporary Caregiver Insurance Program from six weeks to twelve weeks: HB-7171 and SB-2121**

Introduced by Councilperson Tatiana Baena  
February 12, 2024

WHEREAS, House Bill 7171 (Giraldo) and Senate Bill 2121 (Lawson) expands Rhode Island's Temporary Caregiver Insurance (TCI) program from 6 weeks to 12 and would bring Rhode Island into line with other states and allow new parents more time for parental leave and caregivers more time to care for a critically ill family member; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island became the third state in the nation to offer paid parental leave in 2013 when legislators created the TCI program, a program which is paid for through payroll deductions and allows new parents to take six weeks of paid leave to bond with and care for their child and also allows individuals to take this time to care for a seriously family member; and

WHEREAS, Since 2013, however, many other states have surpassed Rhode Island's leave offerings and currently, 11 states and the District of Columbia offer paid parental leave, with most offering 12 weeks, while Rhode Island offers the least amount of time at just six weeks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Falls City Council enthusiastically supports House Bill No. 7171 and Senate Bill No. 2121; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the City Clerk to the Governor, to all of the Honorable Representatives and Senators representing the City of Central Falls in the General Assembly, to the relevant Committee Chairs and to the Honorable Rhode Island Speaker of the House and to the Honorable Rhode Island Senate President.

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Robert Ferri  
City Council President

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Alberto De Burgo  
City Clerk