



State of Rhode Island
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Rhode Island Football Club Day

WHEREAS, Rhode Island Football Club (RIFC) is the only professional soccer team in the Ocean State, and is currently playing in its second season in the United Soccer League (USL) Championship; and

WHEREAS, since winning the USL Championship's Eastern Conference title in the club's inaugural season in 2024, RIFC has established the club as a source of pride for Rhode Island soccer fans and residents, showcasing talent and skill on the field and demonstrating great character off the field; and

WHEREAS, soccer stadiums are an important part of a soccer club's culture and identity, serving as a place for supporters to gather and cheer on the club while creating a greater sense of community and togetherness; and

WHEREAS, after playing its home games at Bryant University in Smithfield in 2024, RIFC is now moving to Centreville Bank Stadium, the club's brand-new, 10,500-seat home stadium at the Tidewater Landing development in Pawtucket; and

WHEREAS, Centreville Bank Stadium and Tidewater Landing represent a pivotal moment in RIFC's history and promise to be an economic driver for the City of Pawtucket and the State of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, the development will be more than a soccer field for fans to enjoy, but will also feature housing opportunities for Rhode Islanders and commercial space for small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the opening of Centreville Bank Stadium is a testament to countless public and private partners who have supported and helped build this project, including the State of Rhode Island, the City of Pawtucket, RIFC and the club's leadership; and

WHEREAS, the stadium and Tidewater Landing are part of surging economic momentum across Rhode Island and are the latest lines in an exciting new chapter happening in the Ocean State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel J. McKee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim **May 3, 2025**, as *Rhode Island Football Club Day* in the state and encourage all residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this day.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Office of the Governor of the State of Rhode Island this 3rd day of May, 2025.



Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Stephen M. Amore
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Secretary of State