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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK" ON APRIL 10 THROUGH APRIL 16,  
2016, AND PROCLAIMING "RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY DAY" ON APRIL 16, 2016

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, Coyne, P Fogarty, Picard, and Satchell

Date Introduced: April 14, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Across the country April 10<sup>th</sup> through April 16<sup>th</sup> is the official celebration of  
2 "National Library Week"; and

3           WHEREAS, Literacy skills are essential for effective participation in our democracy, in  
4 the workplace, in the community, and within family life. Evidence shows that low or minimal  
5 literacy skills can condemn entire families to isolation, poverty and dependence; and

6           WHEREAS, Libraries are true beacons of democracy that strengthen our state and our  
7 nation by preserving our nation's cultural heritage. Lady Bird Johnson once said, "Perhaps no  
8 place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance  
9 requirement is interest"; and

10           WHEREAS, Libraries empower individuals, strengthen families, and provide the  
11 cornerstone for a brighter future for all our citizens; now, therefore be it

12           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
13 hereby celebrates "National Library Week" during the week of April 10<sup>th</sup> through April 16<sup>th</sup>,  
14 2016, and proclaims April 16<sup>th</sup> to be "Rhode Island Library Day." We furthermore express our  
15 sincere gratitude to those dedicated individuals who work, volunteer, and advocate for libraries  
16 across our state; and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
- 2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to The Rhode Island Library Association.

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