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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OSHER LIFELONG  
LEARNING INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Felag, Sheehan, Gallo, and Satchell

Date Introduced: February 13, 2019

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Rhode  
2 Island (URI) was started in 2009 when the URI community came together and created a state-  
3 wide coalition that resulted in the securement of a \$100,000 grant from the Bernard Osher  
4 Foundation, a foundation with a mission of improving the quality of life through its generous  
5 support of higher education. In the years that followed, OLLI secured a \$1 million endowment in  
6 2012, and a second \$1 million dollar gift in 2017 in recognition of its growth, the quality of its  
7 programs and the exuberant support of its membership. Today, OLLI has a membership of more  
8 than 1,300 adults; and

9           WHEREAS, The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is open to anyone fifty years old or  
10 older and prides itself on enhancing the joy and value of adults as they further their education and  
11 attain guidance as to the possible new paths such learning might take them in future endeavors.  
12 OLLI provides its members with a nurturing environment in which one can explore their  
13 intellectual interests and curiosities without the pressure of attaining a degree or passing exams;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, All OLLI, members play key roles within the organization. Members  
16 manage the institution and shape the direction it takes. Members take and teach classes, plan  
17 activities, develop and organize various volunteer projects, and assist with data management  
18 cataloging, and program promotion; and

19           WHEREAS, OLLI, which is housed on the main campus of URI, would not be successful

1 without the generous support of the University. The University provides classroom facilities,  
2 parking, and enthusiastic support, all of which allows OLLI to offer a wide range of interesting  
3 and challenging courses in a wide array of subject areas including current affairs, history,  
4 expressive arts, film, health and wellness, language arts, literature, music, religion, and science;  
5 now, therefore be it

6           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
7 hereby joyously celebrates the 10th Anniversary of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute,  
8 celebrated on June 5, 2019; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Beth Leconte, URI OLLI Executive  
11 Director.

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