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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

S E N A T E R E S O L U T I O N

**PROCLAIMING APRIL, 2019, TO BE "FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH" IN THE STATE
OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, Ruggerio, Cano, Satchell, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: April 09, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Every Rhode Islander deserves the opportunity to achieve financial
2 security; and

3 WHEREAS, Too many of our neighbors are struggling with financial challenges at a
4 rate higher than national peers; and

5 WHEREAS, Individuals with strong personal finance skills have the knowledge to
6 make informed decisions regarding budgeting, maintaining strong credit, saving, investing,
7 and protecting and insuring their assets; and

8 WHEREAS, Governments, private businesses, community-based organizations, and
9 institutions of education must work together to help consumers make informed decisions about
10 their finances and avoid deceptive or predatory practices; and

11 WHEREAS, General Treasurer Magaziner launched the Rhode Island Financial
12 Empowerment Roundtable which regularly brings together representatives from government,
13 nonprofits, education, businesses, and banking to network and share ideas on how to encourage
14 economic growth and financial stability among Rhode Islanders; and

15 WHEREAS, There is a strong coalition of organizations, passionate educators, and
16 invested individuals working tirelessly to expand financial literacy and personal finance
17 education in Rhode Island schools; and

18 WHEREAS, Rhode Island should endeavor to expand the availability of personal
19 finance education, because teaching financial skills to students gives them more economic

1 opportunity; and

2 WHEREAS, Strengthening the financial skills of all Rhode Islanders is an investment
3 in the fundamental promise of a brighter future and building a more prosperous nation; and

4 WHEREAS, April is National Financial Literacy Month, where Rhode Island
5 highlights its commitment to teaching ourselves and our children about the basics of financial
6 education; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
8 hereby proclaims April, 2019, to be "Financial Literacy Month." We moreover urge all Rhode
9 Islanders to take advantage of various programs and activities that will increase their personal
10 financial literacy both during the month of April and throughout the year; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the RI JumpStart Coalition.

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