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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**PROCLAIMING APRIL 7-13, 2024, TO BE "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK" IN THE STATE  
OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senators McKenney, Lawson, Gallo, DiPalma, Gu, F. Lombardi,  
Raptakis, Ujifusa, Bissaillon, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: April 09, 2024

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Libraries of all types are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools and  
2 campuses, serving the communities in Rhode Island; and

3           WHEREAS, Libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging  
4 and community; and

5           WHEREAS, Today's libraries and their services extend far beyond the four walls of a  
6 building and everyone is welcome to use their resources; and

7           WHEREAS, For people lacking broadband at home, libraries provide access to  
8 computers and Wi-Fi, even checking out Internet hotspots and laptops; and

9           WHEREAS, Libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as  
10 diverse as the communities they serve and ensure equity of access for all; and

11           WHEREAS, In times of crisis, libraries, librarians, and library workers play an invaluable  
12 role in supporting their communities, both in person and virtually; and

13           WHEREAS, Libraries provide access to digital resources including e-books and lifelong  
14 learning tools; and

15           WHEREAS, Libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of  
16 information and ideas for all; and

17           WHEREAS, Libraries defend the right to read and the premise that "free people deserve  
18 to read freely"; and

19           WHEREAS, Libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions for all

1 members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender  
2 identity, or socio-economic status; and

3 WHEREAS, Libraries, librarians and library workers are joining library supporters and  
4 advocates across the nation to celebrate "National Library Week"; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby proclaims April 7-13,  
6 2024, to be "National Library Week" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby thanks Rhode Island's libraries, librarians and  
8 library workers for their service to our community. During this week, we encourage all residents  
9 to visit their library to access resources and services. Because of you, libraries transform lives and  
10 communities; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
12 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Office of Library and Information Services,  
13 and each Rhode Island City and Town Libraries.

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