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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK" ON APRIL 7TH THROUGH APRIL 13TH,
2019, AND PROCLAIMING "RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY DAY" ON APRIL 13, 2019

Introduced By: Senator Bridget Valverde

Date Introduced: April 11, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Across the country April 7th through April 13th 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 7th through April 13th, 2019,
14 and proclaims April 13th to be "Rhode Island Library Day." We furthermore express our sincere
15 gratitude to those dedicated individuals who work, volunteer, and advocate for libraries across
16 our state; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to The Rhode Island Library Association, and to
3 Laurie Kelly, President of the Narragansett Library Board of Trustees.

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