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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 24 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2025, TO BE "PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Serpa, Messier, Lima, Kennedy, Fellela, and Donovan

Date Introduced: February 25, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Public education is the foundation of a 21st-century democracy; and

2 WHEREAS, Our nation's public schools are where students come to be educated as
3 citizens of the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Each public school prepares our Nation's young people to contribute to the
5 society, economy, and citizenry of the country; and

6 WHEREAS, Eighty-three percent of American children attended public schools during
7 the 2021-2022 school year; and

8 WHEREAS, Local, State, and Federal lawmakers should prioritize support for
9 strengthening the nation's public schools and empowering local education leaders to implement,
10 manage, and lead school districts in partnership with educators, parents, and other local education
11 stakeholders and learning communities; and

12 WHEREAS, Local, State and Federal lawmakers should support such necessities as
13 counseling, extracurricular activities, and mental health programs that are critical to help students
14 engage in learning; and

15 WHEREAS, Public schools should provide an environment where all students can
16 succeed, beginning in their earliest years, regardless of who they are or where they live; and

17 WHEREAS, Efforts should be supported to advance equity and excellence in public
18 education and to implement continuous improvement and evidence-based practices; and

19 WHEREAS, Every child has the right to an education that helps them reach their full

1 potential and to attend schools that offer a high-quality educational experience; and

2 WHEREAS, Stable, equitable, and adequate funding for great public schools for every
3 student in America is necessary to ensure that students have inviting classrooms and school
4 libraries with up-to-date resources as well as well-prepared and supported educators; and

5 WHEREAS, Our nation needs to support the educators, including teachers,
6 paraprofessionals, and principals who provide a well-rounded and complete curriculum and create
7 joy in learning; and

8 WHEREAS, The Nation's school buildings should have class sizes small enough to allow
9 students to receive one-on-one attention and to access support services such as health care,
10 nutrition, and after-school programs when needed; and

11 WHEREAS, Students, teachers, and professionals make the Nation's schools vital
12 components of the community; and

13 WHEREAS, Parents and communities are working hard to improve educational
14 outcomes for children across the country; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
16 proclaims February 24 through February 28, 2025, to be "Public Schools Week" in Rhode Island;
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Commissioner Angelica M. Infante-Green,
20 Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, State of Rhode Island.

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