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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 14 TO SEPTEMBER 18, 2026, TO BE NATIONAL ADULT
EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Lori Urso

Date Introduced: June 04, 2026

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, More than 43 million Americans cannot read or write at the most basic
2 level, and 62.7 million people lack basic math skills and the credentials necessary to succeed in
3 post-secondary education; and

4 WHEREAS, One in three young adults in the United States does not complete High
5 School; and

6 WHEREAS, There is a critical shortage of skilled workers across the private sector, with
7 an estimated 7.5 million positions being unfilled; and

8 WHEREAS, Adult Education programs play a transformative role in helping Americans
9 achieve basic skills, gain credentials, and prepare for career and college opportunities; and

10 WHEREAS, Adult Education programs-offered through high schools, adult schools,
11 community colleges, and community centers-provide accessible, high-value instruction that
12 equips citizens with the skills needed to thrive personally and professionally; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby values and supports
14 lifelong learning as a cornerstone of individual opportunity, economic growth, and community
15 strength; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby recognizes the enduring importance of adult
17 education in transforming lives and empowering our citizens to achieve their full potential; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be hereby is authorized and directed to transmit

- 1 a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Rhode Island Department of
- 2 Education.

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