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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

## IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020**

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING "NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK" ON JANUARY 26TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 1, 2020, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, Ucci, Azzinaro, and Corvese

Date Introduced: January 30, 2020

Referred To: House read and passed

1	WHEREAS, Catholic Schools offer a complete academic and values-based education
2	emphasizing the moral, intellectual, physical, and social development of young people across the
3	country and throughout Rhode Island; and
4	WHEREAS, Catholic Schools produce students who are strong and dedicated to their
5	faith, values, families, and communities, by providing a safe, disciplined, and intellectually
6	stimulating environment rich in spiritual character and moral development; and
7	WHEREAS, Rhode Island's Catholic Schools are acclaimed for their academic
8	excellence. Their elementary school students have consistently out-performed public schools on
9	the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) score; and
10	WHEREAS, All thirty-nine of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Providence are
11	accredited by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC); and
12	WHEREAS, Rhode Island Catholic Schools teach students of many culturally and socio-
13	economically diverse backgrounds; and
14	WHEREAS, Catholic Schools parents, students, and alumni contribute to, are involved
15	in, and are dedicated to the life of their parishes and communities well beyond their numbers;
16	now, therefore be it
17	RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
18	Providence Plantations hereby celebrates January 26th through February 1st, 2020, as "National

Catholic Schools Week" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this House hereby applauds the efforts and supports the many contributions of Catholic Schools in the State of Rhode Island. We furthermore congratulate the students, parents, teachers, and administrators for their dedicated commitment to the education of Rhode Island's youth, and for the key role they play in promoting and ensuring a brighter, stronger future for the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy to Mr. Daniel J. Ferris, Superintendent of the Diocese of

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Providence Catholic School Office.