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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1-5, 2021, TO BE "NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Kazarian, Ackerman, Azzinaro, Baginski, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, and Shanley

Date Introduced: February 04, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, School Counselors across the United States, in both public and private
2 schools, work tirelessly to help students reach their full potential; and

3 WHEREAS, In consultation with parents and teachers, School Counselors work with
4 students and assist them as they explore their strengths and weaknesses, their talents, ideas,
5 values and interests, and as they chart a path towards a successful and prosperous future; and

6 WHEREAS, School Counselors also identify and seek out school and community
7 resources that will assist students in their endeavor to discover who they are and who they desire
8 to become as adults; and

9 WHEREAS, A 2013 study by the College Board calculated that adding just one
10 counselor to a high school staff produces a ten percent increase in the school's college enrollment
11 numbers. A report by the National Association for College Admission Counseling determined
12 that meeting one-on-one with a counselor to discuss financial aid for college tripled a student's
13 chances of attending college, and made it significantly more likely that they would actually apply
14 for financial aid; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
16 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims the week of February 1-5, 2021, to be "National School
17 Counseling Week" in the State of Rhode Island; 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 Ms. Jill Cook, CAE, Executive Director,

1 American School Counselor Association.

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