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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATE RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING APRIL, 2015, AS "FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF  
RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, Goodwin, Lombardo, Conley, and Nesselbush

Date Introduced: April 16, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, During these economically difficult times, we have to understand the  
2 importance of wise fiscal management, and Rhode Islanders of all races, ages, genders, and socio-  
3 economic groups must seek to improve their personal family finances by developing the basic  
4 financial skills needed to create and maintain a budget, to understand credit, loans, banking,  
5 investments, and retirement plans, and to take advantage of the financial opportunities and assess  
6 the risks connected with each; and

7           WHEREAS, The financial well-being of individual Rhode Island citizens is causally  
8 linked to our state and our nation's economic health; and

9           WHEREAS, Personal financial literacy is also causally linked to individual financial  
10 well-being; and

11           WHEREAS, Personal financial literacy education involves active engagement on the part  
12 of individual citizens and family units in an ongoing and evolving process; and

13           WHEREAS, Governments, private businesses, community-based organizations, and  
14 institutions of education are stakeholders in the pursuit of increased personal financial literacy,  
15 and by working together, such entities can help consumers make informed decisions about their  
16 finances; and

17           WHEREAS, The personal financial education of all citizens, especially youth and other  
18 vulnerable populations, will improve the quality of their lives, will provide them with the  
19 necessary skills for success, and will contribute to making positive changes for the communities

1 in which they live and work; now, therefore be it

2           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
3 hereby proclaims April, 2015, to be "Financial Literacy Month." We moreover urge all Rhode  
4 Islanders to take advantage of various programs and activities that will increase their personal  
5 financial literacy both during the month of April and throughout the year.

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