

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 6TH THROUGH MAY 11TH OF 2019 TO BE  
"TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Ruggiero, Gallo, Sheehan, Picard, and Metts

Date Introduced: May 07, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Every successful person in the Ocean State owes a great measure of their  
2 achievement to the dedication and hard work of the teachers who inspired them to open their  
3 minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams, and find the very best in themselves; and

4 WHEREAS, Learning is a process of discovery. Teachers across this country utilize  
5 innovative and dynamic methods to inspire young people to be curious about the world around  
6 them, to explore ways to better understand their environment, and to develop the critical thinking  
7 skills necessary for their success as adults; and

8 WHEREAS, Cities and Towns in Rhode Island employ 9,471 full-time public school  
9 teachers and many more private school teachers. These professionals consistently demonstrate  
10 laudable commitment and competence through their willingness to provide the time, energy,  
11 talent, and ideas to ensure that Rhode Island's 141,959 students have the opportunity to fulfill all  
12 of their potential; and

13 WHEREAS, Teachers spend countless hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress,  
14 counseling and coaching students, consulting with parents, and performing community service.  
15 Teachers also fill vital roles in the lives of many young people, often as listeners, role models,  
16 explorers, motivators, and mentors; and

17 WHEREAS, Teachers keep democracy alive and vibrant by laying the foundation for  
18 good citizenship. They display daily the value of public service. Their hard work and efforts are  
19 directly responsible for creating the leaders of tomorrow; and

1           WHEREAS, Many of us are who we are because at least one teacher in the past ignited a  
2 spark within us. They touch and mold the lives of our children and they have earned, and truly  
3 deserve, the gratitude and respect of students, parents, and community members throughout the  
4 state; now, therefore be it

5           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
6 hereby declares the week of May 6th through May 11th to be “Teacher Appreciation Week” in  
7 Rhode Island. We heartily thank all of Rhode Island’s teachers for their tireless devotion in  
8 educating and developing our children; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
10 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Francis J. Flynn, President of the Rhode Island  
11 Federation of Teachers and Health Professionals, and Lawrence E. Purtill, President of the  
12 National Education Association of Rhode Island.

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