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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2021, TO BE "FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH" IN THE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Batista, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ruggiero, Ackerman,  
McNamara, Perez, Morales, Costantino, and Bennett

Date Introduced: April 06, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Every Rhode Islander deserves the opportunity to achieve financial security  
2 and stability regardless of zip code or background; and

3 WHEREAS, The economic and health impacts of COVID-19 have highlighted the  
4 compounded financial disparities in our nation and state; and

5 WHEREAS, Too many Rhode Islanders are struggling with financial challenges at a rate  
6 higher than national peers; and

7 WHEREAS, Too many Rhode Islanders have unequal access to financial education and  
8 this has contributed to racial wealth and income gaps that persist in our society; and

9 WHEREAS, Individuals with strong personal finance skills have the knowledge to make  
10 informed decisions regarding budgeting, maintaining strong credit, saving, investing, and  
11 protecting and insuring their assets; and

12 WHEREAS, Governments, private businesses, community-based organizations, and  
13 institutions of education must work together to empower consumers to make informed decisions  
14 about their finances, appropriately plan for economic instability, and avoid deceptive or predatory  
15 practices; and

16 WHEREAS, General Treasurer Magaziner launched the Rhode Island Financial  
17 Empowerment Roundtable which regularly brings together representatives from government,  
18 nonprofits, education, businesses, and banking to network and share ideas on how to encourage  
19 economic growth and financial stability among Rhode Islanders; and

1           WHEREAS, There is a strong coalition of organizations, passionate educators, and  
2 invested individuals working tirelessly to expand financial literacy and personal finance  
3 education in Rhode Island schools; and

4           WHEREAS, Rhode Island should endeavor to expand the availability of personal finance  
5 education, because teaching financial skills to students gives them more economic opportunity;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, Strengthening the financial skills of all Rhode Islanders is an investment in  
8 the fundamental promise of a brighter future and building a more prosperous nation. April is  
9 National Financial Literacy Month, during which Rhode Island highlights its commitment to  
10 teaching ourselves and our children about the basics of financial education; now, therefore be it

11          RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
12 proclaims April of 2021, to be "Financial Literacy Month" in the State of Rhode Island. We  
13 moreover urge all Rhode Islanders to take advantage of various programs and activities that will  
14 increase their personal financial literacy both during the Month of April and throughout the year;  
15 and be it further

16          RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the RI JumpStart Coalition.

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