

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING MARCH OF 2022 AS "ARTS IN THE SCHOOLS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Donovan, Biah, Speakman, Ranglin-Vassell, Amore, and Serpa

Date Introduced: March 10, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The arts enhance and enrich the lives of every Rhode Islander; and

2 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island has clear evidence that the arts contribute
3 significantly to our quality of life, the education of our citizens and the economy of our state; and

4 WHEREAS, The arts strengthen the Rhode Island economy by generating approximately
5 \$2 billion in economic activity annually and by supporting nearly 18,000 jobs, according to the
6 U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis; and

7 WHEREAS, Arts learning fosters teamwork and collaboration, critical thinking, problem-
8 solving, public speaking, tolerance, flexibility and attention to detail, all essential skills that
9 employers require in a 21st Century economy; and

10 WHEREAS, Arts education in the schools provides substantial educational benefits to all
11 elementary, middle and secondary students, helping students graduate with proficiency, ready to
12 enter the Rhode Island workforce; and

13 WHEREAS, The National Art Education Association designates the month of March as
14 “Youth Art Month”; and

15 WHEREAS, The American Alliance for Theatre & Education and the Educational
16 Theatre Association designate the month of March as “Theatre in our Schools” Month; and

17 WHEREAS, The National Association for Music Education designates the month of
18 March as “Music in our Schools” Month; and

19 WHEREAS, The National Dance Education Organization designates the month of March

1 as “Dance in our Schools” Month; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
3 proclaims March of 2022 to be “Arts in the Schools Month” in our State. We furthermore urge all
4 the citizens of the state to join us in the observance of this month, and to recognize and applaud
5 the efforts of arts educators, artists and administrators, who work diligently to ensure that all
6 young people have access to the arts in their school throughout the school year; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

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