

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING MARCH OF 2023 AS "NATIONAL READING MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Paolino, E Morgan, de la Cruz, Rogers, and DeLuca

Date Introduced: March 21, 2023

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The National Education Association launched "Read Across America" in
2 1998 as a year-round program to celebrate reading; and

3 WHEREAS, In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2nd is designated as "Read Across
4 America Day" in the United States. This also commences "Read Across America Week" and the
5 month of March as "National Reading Month"; and

6 WHEREAS, Numerous efforts and events are organized during this time to inspire love
7 of reading among children and to motivate Americans of all ages to read every day; and

8 WHEREAS, Community and parental involvement is vital, as research shows that
9 children who read regularly, especially with adults, have greater success in school; and

10 WHEREAS, Reading is essential to everyday life, both inside and outside of the
11 classroom and has innumerable benefits including increasing vocabulary and comprehension
12 skills, stimulating brain activity and improving memory, and reducing stress; and

13 WHEREAS, Reading is a fundamental cornerstone to individual freedom and
14 empowerment, and sharing the power and joy of reading promotes a community of literacy,
15 knowledge and empathy; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby recognizes and
17 celebrates March of 2023 as "National Reading Month"; 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. Becky Pringle, President of the National

1 Education Association.

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