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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022**

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**S E N A T E R E S O L U T I O N**

**COMMEMORATING MAY 1 THROUGH MAY 7, 2022, AS "NATIONAL SMALL  
BUSINESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senator Dominick J. Ruggerio

Date Introduced: May 05, 2022

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, America's strongest economic growth in almost 40 years has been driven by  
2 the resilience of our small businesses who, despite a world-wide pandemic, continue to pioneer  
3 innovative solutions to our country's greatest challenges and create opportunities for families and  
4 workers; and

5           WHEREAS, From the storefront shops that anchor Main Street to the high-tech startups  
6 that keep America on the cutting edge to the small manufacturers driving our competitiveness on  
7 the global stage, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the cornerstones of our  
8 nation's promise; and

9           WHEREAS, When small business is supported, jobs are created, and local communities  
10 preserve their unique culture; and

11           WHEREAS, This country and our State cannot resolve to create jobs and spur economic  
12 growth in America without discussing ways to support our entrepreneurs because this country's  
13 32.5 million small businesses create nearly two out of three jobs in our economy; and

14           WHEREAS, The President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business  
15 Week every year since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs  
16 through the U.S. Small Business Administration and other government agencies; now, therefore  
17 be it

18           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby commemorates  
19 "National Small Business Week" on May 1 through May 7, 2022, in the State of Rhode Island;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby supports and joins in this national effort to help  
3 America's small businesses do what they do best – grow their business, create jobs, and ensure  
4 that our local communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mark S. Hayward, District Director, Rhode  
7 Island District Office – SBA.

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