

State of Rhode Island GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Civics Awareness Month

WHEREAS, student knowledge of civics is imperative to know what government is, how it works, the principles upon which it was founded, how it affects your life, and how one can influence or change it; and

WHEREAS, study of the history, workings, influence, organization, and evolution of US political thought, governmental systems, and political processes is the very core of citizenship and civic duty; and

WHEREAS, the importance of civics awareness in Rhode Island is to inform students of the true American experiment: our system of limited government and its checks and balances were designed to promote self-government. It all starts with the individual; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has been a frontrunner on so many educational fronts, the election process and is it now time to remain frontrunners; and

WHEREAS, it is important to embolden ALL Rhode Island students, educators, parents/guardians to participate fully with Civics awareness, so they remain cognizant and learned.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel J. McKee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2021, as: *Civics Awareness Month* and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.

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Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island, this 1st day of October, 2021.

> Daniel J. McKee Governor

Nellie M. Gorbea Secretary of State