



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Information Literacy Month

WHEREAS, information literacy provides the tools and skills to find, evaluate, and use credible information from all sources in our constantly evolving information-rich world; and

WHEREAS, the ability to search, find, decipher, and analyze different forms of information is a key component in effective decision-making across all fields of work and walks of life, and enhances one's ability to obtain highly skilled jobs and compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, individuals adept at utilizing information resources available are able to share, participate, and compete as informed citizens and life-long learners in the worldwide community; and

WHEREAS, information literacy taught from an early age in schools, libraries, and our communities is a crucial part of education and exposes individuals to literacies, analytics, and research practices that will better prepare them for changing technologies and the complex information world; and

WHEREAS, using information acquired through technology to understand human, cultural, and societal issues promotes an informed and engaged citizenry; and

WHEREAS, through public awareness, the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations seeks to remind citizens, employers, government agencies, and institutions of the importance of information literacy for economic prosperity, social cohesion, educational opportunity and enhanced quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim October 2017 as: ***Information Literacy Month*** in the state and encourage all residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 18 day of September, 2017



Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State