State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Digital Learning Day

WHEREAS, the world has been transformed by technology making modern life more efficient, accessible, richer, and faster; and

WHEREAS, the modern world demands that the United States have a highly trained workforce in order to compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, most industries and practices have embraced technology and used it to improve the way they do things; and

WHEREAS, education has yet to fully capture the potential that effective use of technology can offer in providing new ways to offer students improved and personalized instruction; and

WHEREAS, when done correctly, the infusion of digital learning and the effective use of technology in schools can help personalize and improve the learning of every child; and

WHEREAS, digital learning and the effective use of technology can assist every teacher to do their job more effectively by providing real time data to track individual student progress, create improved and efficient learning processes that gives teachers more time to spend with each student, and eliminate bureaucratic administrative burdens that take time away from teaching; and

WHEREAS, more schools and teachers are exploring the use of high-quality digital learning and the effective use of technology to improve student learning; and

WHEREAS, it is important that any new change in learning methods and infusion of technology in schools be done so in a high-quality manner that best helps every student and ensures public funding is being spent appropriately; and

WHEREAS, the first ever national Digital Learning Day will occur on February 1, 2012, in order to educate teachers, students, schools, parents, policymakers, and the public on ways to successfully integrate high-quality digital learning and the effective use of technology to help improve the learning of every student; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2012 as Digital Learning Day in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of this day.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 9th day of January, 2012

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State