State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Gubernatorial Proclamation

Natural History Week

WHEREAS, natural history is a discipline, practiced since classical times, through which we learn about animals, plants, ecological communities and geological systems; and

WHEREAS, natural history emphasizes observation and comparison of living organisms and natural habitats; and

WHEREAS, any curious person, with training and support, can make valuable natural history contributions to our knowledge of Rhode Island’s environment; and

WHEREAS, natural history investigations carried out in Rhode Island teach us important lessons about environmental relationships and systems in Rhode Island and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, knowledge of these environmental relationships and systems enables us better to manage, conserve, utilize and enjoy Rhode Island’s natural resources; and

WHEREAS, by supporting better management, conservation, utilization and enjoyment of natural resources, and by engaging people of all ages in first-hand exploration of their environment, the practice and appreciation of natural history is beneficial to Rhode Island and its citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim November 1-9, 2014 as Natural History Week in Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this week.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 14th day of October, 2014

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State