



State of Rhode Island
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION
Fraud Prevention Month in Rhode Island

WHEREAS, Americans lose billions of dollars each year to fraud, with older adults disproportionately affected, making prevention, education, and strong consumer protections more important than ever; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reports that consumers reported \$12.5 billion in fraud losses nationwide in 2024 through its Consumer Sentinel Network, including approximately \$2.4 billion reported by older adults, with significant additional losses likely unreported; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders reported \$20.7 million in fraud losses in 2024, according to the FTC; and

WHEREAS, older adults are often affected by fraud when they are no longer working or already financially strained and unable to recover the money that was stolen; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education are critical in helping consumers recognize the common red flags of scams and keeping them informed about emerging fraud trends; and

WHEREAS, our communities—which include non-profit organizations, law enforcement, and public officials—are working to strengthen consumer protections, provide victim support, and advocate for stronger measures to prevent and prosecute fraud at the local, state, and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, preventing fraud is a shared responsibility, and increasing awareness during Fraud Prevention Month empowers all Rhode Islanders -- especially older adults—to protect themselves, their families, and their financial security.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Governor Daniel J. McKee, State of Rhode Island do hereby proclaim April 2026 as **Fraud Prevention Month** in Rhode Island and encourage all residents to familiarize themselves with the red flags of scams and to support community and advocacy efforts that help prevent scams, protect consumers, and assist fraud victims.

*Given under my hand and the great
seal of the Office of the Governor of the
State of Rhode Island, this 17th day of
April, 2026.*



Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Gregg M. Amore
Secretary of State