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1 **Relating to:** proclaiming September as “Citizenship Month”.

2 Whereas, the American experiment of representative, self-governing
3 democracy can only function effectively with the consent and participation of an
4 enlightened, competent and responsible citizenry; and

5 Whereas, the various levels of governing — local, state, federal — must be
6 understood by citizens if they are to communicate their views and ideas to
7 representatives to shape and implement public policy; and

8 Whereas, overwhelming evidence exists that citizens have low opinions about
9 the work of state legislatures and have relatively little knowledge about what their
10 representatives do; and

11 Whereas, civic education is essential for citizens to develop a common language
12 and understanding of politics and governing; and

13 Whereas, civic education is an important tool to develop the habits of civic
14 virtue including civility, individual responsibility, self-discipline, open-mindedness,

