STATE OF RHODE ISLAND TOWN OF BRISTOL

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-5-29-FF1

RESOLUTION TO THE HONORABLE RI GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN OPPOSITION TO H 7983

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BRISTOL AS FOLLOWS:

<u>WHEREAS:</u> H 7983 was introduced into the General Assembly on March 5, 2024, by Representatives Cruz, Potter, Diaz, Kislak, Kazarian, Giraldo, and Slater; and

WHEREAS: This Act would create an Office of the State Building Commissioner; and

<u>WHEREAS:</u> This Act confers upon a State Building Commissioner the duty to enforce all laws of this State, including but not limited to "[C]onducting and supervising building code inspections of all residential and commercial buildings regulated by the code within the state" and "[S]tandarized building code interpretation"; and

<u>WHEREAS:</u> This Act will expropriate local oversight of building code matters from towns and cities; and

WHEREAS: Each city and town are unique and has its own intricacies; and

<u>WHEREAS:</u> Assigning control over local building decisions will lead to a loss of the unique character of each city and town in Rhode Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED:

SECTION 1: That the Town Council of the Town of Bristol officially expresses its opposition to H 7983 and respectfully requests that the Honorable General Assembly not enact H 7983;

SECTION 2: That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage by the Bristol Town Council.

Adopted this 29th of May 2024.

Melissa Cordeiro, Council Clerk