

TOWN OF BARRINGTON, RI

**BARRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2025 COMPOSTING AND ORGANIC
WASTE DIVERSION ACT (H-5195/S-0104)**

WHEREAS, Rhode Island communities dispose of over 100,000 tons per year of wasted food alone in the landfill, paying millions of dollars in tip fees to do so,

WHEREAS, the Central Landfill is rapidly filling and projected to close in 2046 if no action is taken by the state, resulting in drastically increased municipal solid waste costs,

WHEREAS, methane from landfills, generated by organic materials, is the third leading emitter of methane in the US, a greenhouse gas 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide,

WHEREAS, the adoption of this legislation will promote the transition to a more sustainable, environmentally friendly, and circular organic waste system, through education and infrastructure development,

WHEREAS, investing in composting is shown to create at least four times more jobs than landfilling,

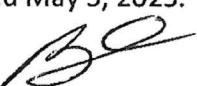
WHEREAS, compost utilization is shown to have numerous benefits, such as supporting local food growth and food security, sequestering carbon, managing stormwater, mitigating climate change, and fostering municipal resilience,

WHEREAS, supporting the *2025 Composting & Organic Waste Diversion Act* demonstrates our continued commitment to addressing climate change and advancing sustainability efforts within the Town of Barrington.

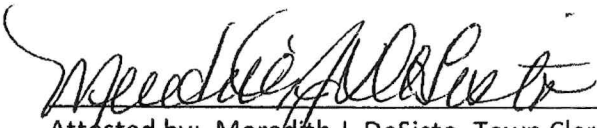
NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Barrington Town Council respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly enact the *2025 Composting & Organic Waste Diversion Act (H-5195/S-0104)*;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be copied to the state's other 38 municipal councils, State Senators, State Representatives, and relevant stakeholders, urging them to prioritize and advocate for the enactment of the *2025 Composting & Organic Waste Diversion Act*.

Adopted May 5, 2025.



Braxton H. Cloutier, President



Attested by: Meredith J. DeSisto, Town Clerk