



TOWN OF EXETER, RI

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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
TOWN OF EXETER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-08

**REGARDING THE RESTORATION OF GENERAL REVENUE
SHARING TO CITIES AND TOWNS**

WHEREAS: Cities and Towns across Rhode Island have been struggling with the recent inflationary environment; and

WHEREAS: In 2009, the General Assembly discontinued revenue sharing due to the economic collapse; and

WHEREAS: The removal of the General Revenue Sharing forced the Cities and Towns to increase property taxes to make up for this loss in revenue; and

WHEREAS: The State of Rhode has seen a very good rebound from the economic crisis brought on by the COVID Pandemic; and

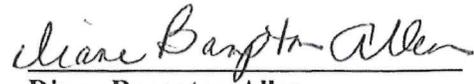
WHEREAS: The State of Rhode Island has benefitted the past three fiscal years from the economic rebound with a surplus of \$878 million for FY 2022, \$410 million for FY 2023, and \$292 million for FY 2024; and

WHEREAS: One-time expenses for much needed repairs of our beautiful State House in the amount of \$70 million were built into the FY 2024 budget and can simply be reallocated to General Revenue Sharing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Exeter Town Council respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly and Governor to reinstate General Revenue Sharing for all thirty-nine Cities and Towns to help reduce the impact of inflation on the citizens of Rhode Island; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Exeter Town Council respectfully requests the respective City and Town Councils of Rhode Island to join in our request to have the General Assembly restore General Revenue in the upcoming FY 2027 budget.

Approved by vote of the Exeter Town Council on this 5TH day of January, 2026.



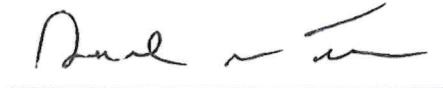
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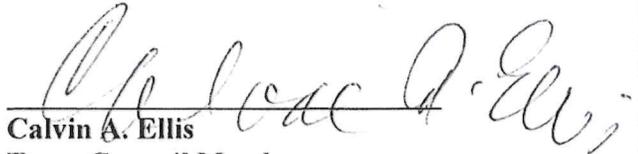
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IN WITNESS HEREOF, I hereby set my hand and the Official Seal of the Town of Exeter
this 5TH day of January, 2026.



Lynn M. Hawkins, CMC
Town Clerk