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File #188 23RIX1-716-OF

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT WEEKLY BINGO
(For non-profit organizations only)

Dear Mr. Pereira:

This Certificate of Approval authorizes the above individual of **Bristol VFW**, of 850 Hope Street, to conduct the game of bingo at **850 Hope Street** in **Bristol, RI 02809**, Rhode Island, on **Thursdays**. A list of authorized workers is attached.

Your organization has been assigned **File Number 188**. All correspondence with the Division of State Police must include your designated file number.

This authorization is granted under Sections 11-19-31 and 11-19-37 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended. No one under the age of eighteen (18) shall be allowed to participate in the game of bingo. It is also understood that your organization will comply with the bingo laws of the State of Rhode Island (RIGL Title 11, Chapter 19, Sections 30-45 as amended) and the Rhode Island State Police Rules and Regulations Governing Bingo.

Every charitable organization operating the game of bingo must submit a financial report form within 7 days of each day the licensed organization is authorized to conduct the game, regardless of whether or not the licensed organization actually conducts the game on that day. Only those expenses that are reasonable and necessary and ordinarily incidental to the conduct of the game may be paid from the gross receipts. An annual Financial Report, certified by an independent Certified Public Accountant, must be filed with the Rhode Island State Police Charitable Gaming Unit at the end of the bingo year. Total expenses, except for prizes, shall not exceed 25% of the gross receipts or receipts to be raised by conducting the game.

This Certificate of Authorization will expire on **September 30, 2023**. You must present this Certificate to your local city/town licensing authority, so that a license, if required, may be issued for your event. Your bingo hall must also receive annual approval from the Rhode Island State Fire Marshal.

Sincerely,

Captain Thomas Jaques

Assistant Detective Commander/Charitable Gaming Unit

cc: Bristol Police Department
State Fire Marshal

