

**TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING REIMBURSEMENT FOR
COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of South Kingstown recognizes the critical role that community paramedicine plays in improving public health, reducing emergency room visits, and enhancing healthcare accessibility for residents; and

WHEREAS, community paramedics provide essential services such as in-home healthcare assessments, chronic disease management, post-hospital discharge follow-ups, and mental health crisis intervention, thereby reducing unnecessary emergency medical services (EMS) and hospital admissions; and

WHEREAS, the absence of a dedicated reimbursement mechanism for community paramedic programs creates financial barriers that limit their expansion and sustainability, despite their proven benefits in reducing overall healthcare costs and improving patient outcomes; and

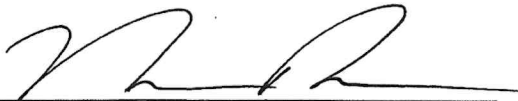
WHEREAS, House Bill H7485, currently under consideration by the Rhode Island Legislature, seeks to establish a reimbursement framework for community paramedic services through Medicaid and other state-supported healthcare programs, ensuring the financial viability of these programs; and

WHEREAS, supporting this legislation aligns with the Town of South Kingstown's commitment to enhancing public health, optimizing emergency response resources, and fostering a more proactive and preventive healthcare system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the South Kingstown hereby expresses its full support for House Bill H7485 and urges the Rhode Island Legislature to pass this critical legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor, State Legislators representing the Town of South Kingstown, and other relevant stakeholders to advocate for the passage and implementation of House Bill H7485.

Adopted February 26, 2026

ATTEST: 
Nichole C. Romane, Town Clerk

