



**RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE WARREN TOWN COUNCIL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITIES AS WELL AS PERSONS WITH NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WARREN AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS**, victims of violent crime across Rhode Island deserve the opportunity to seek justice regardless of any status, identity, disability, illness, or other factor, and

**WHEREAS**, vulnerable populations, which includes persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as persons who may contract neurological disorders including Alzheimer's, dementia, etc., face increased challenges due to their immutable characteristics that in some cases prevents them from being able to give testimony in a legal proceeding about their victimization, and

**WHEREAS**, existing exceptions to rules regarding the prohibition of hearsay evidence are insufficient to permit such victims from having their accounts heard in a court of law which in turn makes such cases nearly impossible to prosecute.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town Council of the Town of Warren hereby RESOLVES to request that the Rhode Island General Assembly enact legislation that would create a new hearsay exemption for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as persons with neurological disorders.

Attest:

Sandra J. Speroni, CMC  
TOWN CLERK

Joseph DePasquale,  
TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
TOWN OF WARREN

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