



# TOWN OF EXETER, RI

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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
TOWN OF EXETER**

**RESOLUTION  
NO. 2024-05**

**RESOLUTION TO THE HONORABLE RI GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY IN OPPOSITION TO H 7983**

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

**WHEREAS:** H 7983 was introduced into the General Assembly on March 5, 2024, by Representatives Cruz, Potter, Diaz, Kislak, Kazarian, Giraldo, and Slater; and

**WHEREAS:** This Act would create an Office of the State Building Commissioner; and

**WHEREAS:** This Act confers upon a State Building Commissioner the duty to enforce all laws of this State, including but not limited to “[C]onducting and supervising building code inspections of all residential and commercial buildings regulated by the code within the state” and “[S]tandardized building code interpretation”; and

**WHEREAS:** This Act will expropriate local oversight of building code matters from towns and cities; and

**WHEREAS:** Each city and town is unique and has its own intricacies; and


**WHEREAS:** Assigning control over local building decisions will lead to a loss of the unique character of each city and town in Rhode Island.


**NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED:**


**SECTION 1:** That the Town Council of the Town of Exeter officially expresses its opposition to H 7983 and respectfully requests that the Honorable General Assembly not enact H 7983;

**SECTION 2:** That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage by the Exeter Town Council.

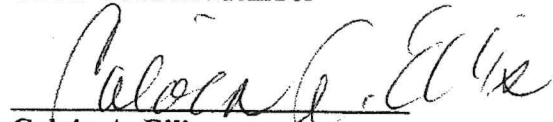
APPROVED by vote of the Exeter Town Council on this 6<sup>TH</sup> day of May, 2024.

  
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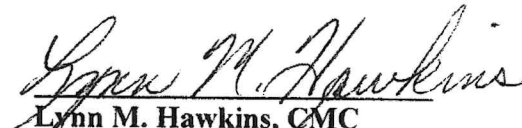
  
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IN WITNESS HEREOF, I HEREBY SET MY HAND AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE TOWN OF EXETER THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2024.

  
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**Lynn M. Hawkins, CMC**  
Town Clerk