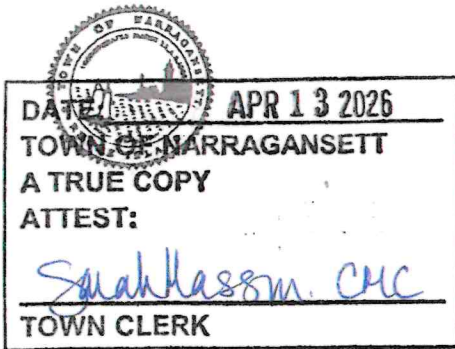
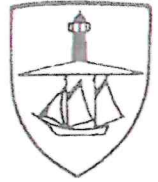


# Town of Narragansett

Rhode Island

Resolution No. 2026-06



**TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL RI H8151 — THE “BLUE WAVE BOND  
FOR COASTAL PREPAREDNESS ACT”**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Narragansett, located along the southern coast of the Rhode Island—proudly known as the Ocean State—relies heavily on the health, accessibility, and resilience of its shorelines, beaches, and marine ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, coastal tourism serves as a cornerstone of the local and state economy, drawing visitors from across the region and nation to Narragansett’s beaches, historic landmarks, and natural resources, thereby supporting local businesses, employment, and municipal revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Rhode Island’s identity, culture, and economic vitality are intrinsically tied to its more than 400 miles of coastline, making coastal preservation and protection a matter of statewide importance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Narragansett has experienced and continues to face increasing environmental challenges, including sea level rise, coastal erosion, flooding, and more frequent and severe storm events, all of which threaten public safety, infrastructure, natural habitats, and the economic stability of coastal communities; and

**WHEREAS**, storm surge and extreme weather events have demonstrated the urgent need for proactive investment in resilient infrastructure, shoreline protection, and climate adaptation strategies to safeguard both residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill RI H8151, known as the “Blue Wave Bond for Coastal Preparedness Act,” proposes a 2026 bond referendum authorizing the State of Rhode Island to issue up to \$100,000,000 in general obligation bonds, subject to voter approval, to fund critical coastal preparedness and resilience projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Wave Bond for Coastal Preparedness Act represents a forward-looking investment in the protection of Rhode Island’s coastal communities through initiatives such as shoreline stabilization, flood mitigation, habitat restoration, and infrastructure improvements designed to withstand the impacts of climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, such investments will help ensure the long-term sustainability of Narragansett’s beaches, working waterfronts, tourism economy, and quality of life for residents and future generations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Narragansett Town Council hereby expresses its strong support for House Bill RI H8151, the “Blue Wave Bond for Coastal Preparedness Act,” and encourages its passage by the Rhode Island General Assembly and approval by the voters of Rhode Island in the 2026 bond referendum; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Narragansett Town Council urges state leaders, residents, and stakeholders to recognize the urgency of coastal resilience investments and to take collective action to protect Rhode Island’s shoreline and economic future; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to members of the Rhode Island General Assembly, the Governor of Rhode Island, and relevant state agencies as an expression of the Town’s official position.

ADOPTED by the Narragansett Town Council this 6th day of April 2026.

TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT

*Alexander T. Menzies*

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Council President

ATTEST:

*Sarah Masson*

Sarah Masson, CMC  
Town Clerk

