

TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RHODE ISLAND
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2026 - 8018

**ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING
CODE**

WHEREAS, proposed legislation in the Rhode Island General Assembly known as House Bill 2026 - 8018, An Act Relating To Health and Safety – State Building Code, would amend the State Building Code to provide that approval of new residential construction shall require at least two means of egress consisting of standard exterior doors; and

WHEREAS, such an amendment to the Building Code would advance public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring that sufficient egress exists in the event of fire or other emergency requiring the resident(s) to evacuate the dwelling; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Kingstown is unable to adopt such a requirement independent of the State Building Code; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Kingstown has seen certain residential construction projects completed without two means of egress, causing local officials concern for the safety of the residents; and

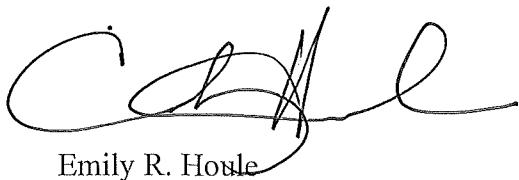
WHEREAS, such legislation will provide a uniform regulation in furtherance of public health, safety, and welfare on a statewide basis;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of South Kingstown respectfully requests that the Rhode Island General Assembly enact the above referenced legislation known as; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the members of the Town's Legislative Delegation, to all municipalities within the State of Rhode Island, and to the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, requesting their support and action during the 2026 Session of the Rhode Island General Assembly.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL ACTION ON this 23rd day of March 2026.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily R. Houle", written over a horizontal line.

Emily R. Houle

South Kingstown Town Clerk on behalf of the Town Council