

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WARREN
IN SUPPORT OF RHODE ISLAND LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS
2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, all 39 cities and towns are members of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns serves as a convener and advocates to the Governor and General Assembly to support the needs of municipalities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns believes in:

- Supporting robust local government funding through municipal aid programs, education aid and grants
- Opposing any constraints on the ability to raise local revenue
- Opposing unfunded state mandates, particularly related to workforce management and personnel costs
- Maintaining local control and decision-making that reflects community needs, including land use, business operations, licensing, etc.
- Supporting greater flexibility for local government to innovate, improve efficiency and save tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns conducted a survey of all 39 members to develop legislative priorities for the 2023 session of the Rhode Island General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, stable local and education aid from the state will ensure that cities and towns can maintain municipal operations while investing one-time Federal funds toward necessary capital improvements and economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, property taxes represent approximately two-thirds of revenue for municipal budgets statewide, and Rhode Island has the eighth-highest property tax burden in the nation; and

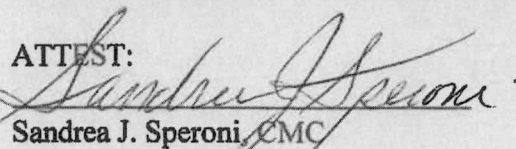
WHEREAS, any reduction in state funding would exacerbate a dependence on property taxes, ultimately leading to service reductions, layoffs, and property tax increases; and

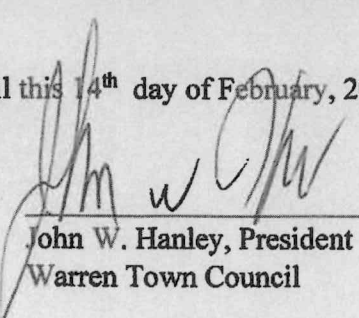
WHEREAS, Rhode Island's municipalities are an important piece of Rhode Island's economic success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren Town Council of the Town of Warren supports the priorities identified by the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns on behalf of the 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island.

Passed as a resolution of the Warren Town Council this 14th day of February, 2023.

ATTEST:


Sandra J. Speroni, CMC
Town Clerk


John W. Hanley, President
Warren Town Council

