

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WARREN
IN SUPPORT OF ENABLING LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING
TAX AMNESTY PERIODS FOR MUNICIPALITIES (H5602, SLATER)

WHEREAS, Rhode Island currently has the eighth highest property tax burden in the country; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact from the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be felt by residents throughout the state, in many cases causing taxpayers to fall behind in the tangible and motor vehicle taxes; 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, Rhode Island General Laws currently prohibit any municipality from offering a tax amnesty period to waive interest on past due taxes; and

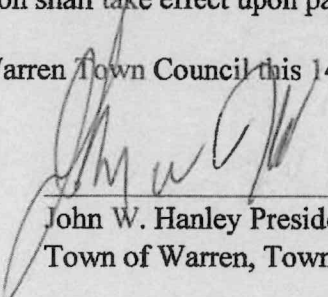
WHEREAS, it is the belief of the majority of the Warren Town Council that these amnesty periods for accrued interest on past due motor vehicle and tangible taxes may provide the necessary relief and incentive for past due taxpayers to become current on their taxes while simultaneously increasing the cash resources for the Town of Warren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren Town Council of the Town of Warren supports legislation that would, upon a concurrent and duly enacted ordinance, authorize municipalities to offer tax amnesty periods in Fiscal Year 2024 or Fiscal Year 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Warren Town Council of the Town of Warren asked the General Assembly to approve House Bill 5602.

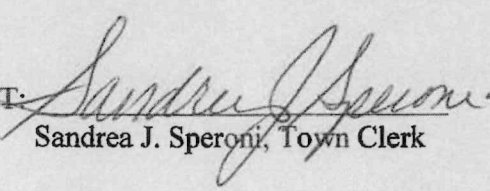
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

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



John W. Hanley President
Town of Warren, Town Council

ATTEST:



Sandra J. Speroni, Town Clerk

