

**TOWN OF BRISTOL**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RHODE ISLAND HOUSE BILL H7224  
(2026 – AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES – AWARD OF MUNICIPAL  
CONTRACTS)**

**February 18, 2026**

**R-2026-2-18-I3**

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island General Assembly has introduced House Bill H7224 in the 2026 session, titled “*An Act Relating to Towns and Cities – Award of Municipal Contracts,*” proposing to amend the statutory small purchase limits applicable to municipal procurement; and

WHEREAS, under the current law, municipalities are limited to a maximum small purchase threshold of \$10,000 for construction-related projects and \$5,000 for all other municipal purchases; and

WHEREAS, House Bill H7224 would increase these thresholds to \$25,000 for construction projects and \$10,000 for non-construction municipal purchases, thereby aligning the procurement thresholds more appropriately with current costs and inflationary pressures; and

WHEREAS, increasing these thresholds will help to reduce administrative burdens, expedite local government purchasing processes, improve cost-efficiency, and allow for more rapid response to municipal needs while still maintaining appropriate checks and balances; and

WHEREAS, many Rhode Island towns, including the Town of Bristol, face unique operational challenges related to procurement due to their size and geographic constraints, and would benefit from a more flexible purchasing framework; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Town of Bristol finds that supporting responsible statutory adjustments that strengthen local government efficiency and operational effectiveness is in the best interest of its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Bristol hereby expresses its **support** for House Bill H7224 (2026), encouraging the Rhode Island General Assembly to enact this legislation as introduced; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be made part of the permanent record of the Town and the resolution be forwarded to the State Senator and Representative of the Town, the League of Cities and Town and all of the City and Town Councils of Rhode Island. Witness our hands and seal this 18th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:

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Melissa Cordeiro  
Town Clerk

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Nathan T. Calouro, Chairman  
Bristol Town Council