

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

**RESOLUTION TO THE RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION REQUESTING
THAT THE QUONSET AIR MUSEUM REMAIN AT QUONSET POINT**

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Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Quonset Air Museum has been a catalyst in keeping the legacy and history of military aviation alive for North Kingstown, our State and this great nation; and

WHEREAS, the museum functions as a research, education and exhibit facility to preserve Rhode Island’s rich aviation history; and

WHEREAS, since 1992, the Air Museum has educated the public from all over the world in our State’s aviation legacy. It has documented the contributions of Rhode Islanders to the growth and development of aviation and space exploration through various collections and displays; and

WHEREAS, the Quonset Air Museum fills a need for aviation education while bringing added tourism, economic development and complementing our highly successful Rhode Island National Guard Open House and Air Show.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Warwick City Council fully supports the endeavors of the Quonset Air Museum to remain at its current location, work on a plan to remediate its building maintenance issues and return stronger than ever to bring Rhode Island’s and North Kingstown’s rich military aviation heritage and important events to life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Warwick City Council does not endorse any plans of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC) to evict, remove or place the Quonset Air Museum and its artifacts in jeopardy of destruction, deterioration, repossession or private purchase for personal gain; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Warwick City Council respectfully requests RIAC work with the Quonset Air Museum and the North Kingstown Town Council on a plan to keep

34 the Museum in its rightful place and retract its eviction notice of September 2015, instead,
35 honoring the Museum's current lease until 2021.

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Gina
38 Raimondo, Senate President Theresa M. Paiva Weed, Speaker of the House
39 Nicholas A. Mattiello, State Senator Michael McCaffrey, State Representative K.
40 Joseph Shekarchi, the Quonset Development Corporation Board of Directors, the
41 Rhode Island Airport Corporation and its Board of Directors, and all Cities and
42 Towns seeking their support in opposing same.

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45 The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Governor
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52 This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

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57 SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN VELLA-WILKINSON

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60 COMMITTEE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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