

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. Date

Approved. Mayor

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO REQUEST FOR INCREASE
IN STATE LIBRARY GRANT IN AID

RESOLVED, that

WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of libraries in our society, the State of Rhode Island passed legislation setting the level of state aid to localities for library services at a minimum of 25 percent of the amount spent by the State from local tax funds; and

WHEREAS, due to level funding by the State the past several years, the actual funding percentage of library aid to the City has been reduced to between 21 percent and 22 percent. For FY 2017, the City is expecting \$639,436, 21 percent, in tax-based library aid, which is \$115,532 less than the City would receive at 25 percent; and

WHEREAS, this loss of funding makes it more difficult, if not impossible, to provide all of the services through our libraries that are essential to a high quality of life for our residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Warwick supports fully funding State Aid to Libraries at the 25 percent level in the State Budget for FY 2017,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Warwick does hereby support legislation which would restore funding for State Aid to Libraries to the full 25 percent provided for in R.I. General Laws Section §29-6-2 (a), and urges the Warwick Delegation to the General Assembly to work diligently for its passage.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN COLANTUONO
ON BEHALF OF MAYOR AVEDISIAN

COMMITTEE: Intergovernmental