

**THE CITY OF WARWICK**  
**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**NO..... DATE.....**

**APPROVED.....MAYOR**

**RESOLUTION TO THE KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY AND THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ASKING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN REGARDS TO THE SIGNIFICANT WATER RATE INCREASE**

**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, on or around October 2020, residents in the City of Warwick and many other municipalities received quarterly billing from the Kent County Water Authority, with totals which reflected billing amounts in extreme excess of what had been billed for the previous quarter; and

WHEREAS, in some instances, such as the billing for the Centerville Glen Condominium located in Warwick, RI, the quarterly bill amount was an estimated 455% higher than the amount for the previous quarterly billing cycle; and

WHEREAS, state lawmakers, Senator Leonidas Raptakis and Representative Patricia Serpa, have previously reached out to the KCWA to request a system-wide investigation on behalf of the ratepayers in Coventry; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Warwick now urges its delegation to do the same for the residents of Warwick, and the City Council of the City of Warwick also formally requests an investigation by the KCWA and the Public Utilities Commission in regards to the significant water rate increase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to its Senators and Representatives in the Rhode Island General Assembly, including Senators Michael McCaffrey, Erin Lynch Prata and Mark McKenney, and Representatives Joseph McNamara, David Bennet, K. Josph Shekarchi, Joseph Solomon, Jr., Camille Vella-Wilkinson, Evan Shanely, and James Jackson, Speaker of the House Nicholas Mattiello, Senate President Dominick Ruggiero, Lieutenant Governor Daniel McKee and Governor Gina Raimondo.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

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SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN MEROLLA

COMMITTEE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL