THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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APPROVED..MAYOR

1   **RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN EDUCATIONAL ACOUSTIC SURVEY**
2   **OF THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

3   **Resolved that,**

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

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8   WHEREAS, the Warwick City Council has made a concerted effort to engage the general
9   public in discussions regarding all areas within the purview of that elected body as well as
10   encouraging attendees to share their concerns and ideas regarding all local issues which impact
11   City residents during Open Microphone segments of meetings; and

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13   WHEREAS, the vocals during public meetings/hearings in Council Chambers that stream
14   live on the Internet or are listened to via Podcast are clearly audible however, in-room
15   vocalizations are not always clear for those who are present; and

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17   WHEREAS, according to a November 2011 John Hopkins Hospital research at least
18   20.3% or 48 million people in the United States have hearing loss in at least one ear; and

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20   WHEREAS, hearing ability always varies based on personal capability, situations,
21   location and environment.

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23   NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Warwick City Council requests an
24   educational acoustic survey of the City Council Chambers be conducted when the hall is
25   occupied and unoccupied; and

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27   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council also requests funding for the
28   recommended Assistive Listening Devices be added to the FY2017 City Budget to enhance
29   hearing and subsequent dialog/testimony by attendees with hearing loss who ask for the aids.

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31   The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Director of
32   the Public Works Department.

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35   This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

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40   SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN VELLA-WILKINSON

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43   COMMITTEE: INTERGOVERMENTAL

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