

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

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

**APPROVED.....MAYOR**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF SOLARIZE RHODE ISLAND**

**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 City of Warwick is a recognized leader in sustainability practices in Rhode Island and seeks to engage in new energy saving measures, such as generating electricity with photovoltaic cells; and

WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island has adopted the Resilient Rhode Island Act, which seeks to protect the people of Rhode Island and make our state economy and society resilient in the face of effects of climate change and calls for the development of strategies and implementation measures to achieve the following reductions in greenhouse gas emissions: 25% below 1990 levels by 2025, 50 percent below 1990 levels by 2035 and 85 percent below 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, Solar energy is good for the environment and contributes to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Generating electricity from solar energy can save Warwick homeowners and businesses money on their utility bills and can help control future energy costs; and

WHEREAS, Solar energy creates opportunities for economic development and job creation, and

WHEREAS, Solar energy promotes energy independence; and

WHEREAS, SmartPower, a not-for-profit entity, working with Commerce RI and the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources, has launched Solarize Rhode Island to encourage more residential and small commercial solar electric installations; to reduce energy use; to improve the environment; and to create jobs by increasing the use of solar technologies; and

33 WHEREAS, The City of Warwick wishes to recognize and support the goals of Solarize  
34 Rhode Island, and  
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36 WHEREAS, SmartPower will promote the City of Warwick for its participation in  
37 Solarize Rhode Island in media stories, on its website, through social marketing and at  
38 presentations; and  
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40 WHEREAS, The City of Warwick will promote Solarize Rhode Island, including  
41 participating in joint outreach opportunities, such as generating press releases, posting  
42 information on the community website, ensuring municipal officials' attendance at promotional  
43 events, assisting with signage placement and other joint outreach efforts; and  
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45 WHEREAS, The City of Warwick will designate a person to coordinate communication  
46 activities with SmartPower, Commerce RI and the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources.  
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48 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Warwick commits to promote  
49 and participate in the Solarize Rhode Island effort known as Solarize Warwick with the goal of  
50 becoming a leader in residential and small commercial solar electric installations in the State of  
51 Rhode Island; and  
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53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Warwick will encourage businesses,  
54 institutions and households within the community to adopt the goals and purpose of promoting  
55 solar energy in the City by supporting Solarize Warwick.  
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57 The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Directors of  
58 the Departments within the City and SmartPower.  
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61 This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.  
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66 SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN COLANTUONO  
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70 COMMITTEE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
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