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4	STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
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13	CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
14	IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIONTO ESTABLISH
15	AN OCEAN STATE CLIMATE ADAPTION
16	AND RESLIENCE FUND ("OSCAR")
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18	Resolved that,
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20	WHEREAS, the impacts of climate change upon Rhode Island's build and natural
21	environments are wide-ranging, discernible and documented, and, in many cases growing in
22	severity and include sea level rise, coastal erosion, flooding and storm surge; and
23	WWWDTAG COOLS I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I
24	WHEREAS, as of 2016, maximum sea level rise is projected by the National Oceanic and
25	Atmosphere Administration ("NOAA") to be approximately one foot (1') in 2035, two feet (2')
26	in 2050, and up to nine feet (9') by 2100; and annual precipitation has increased by two inches
27	(2") since 1950; and
28 29	WHEREAS, the production, transport and use of fossil fuels releases carbon dioxide and
30	methane, two greenhouse gases that trap the Earth's heat within the atmosphere, leading to
31	climate change impacts; and
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33	WHEREAS, climate change has and will continue to pose significant risks for State and
34	municipal infrastructure and our environment, public health, welfare, and economic well-being;
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37	WHEREAS, providing areas for coastal habitats to migrate inland and restoring river and
38	stream floodplains are essential to protecting and preserving wildlife; and
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40	WHEREAS, public access to shoreline will be threatened by sea level rise and erosion;
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43	WHEREAS, Rhode Island's infrastructure is at risk and cities and town, along with the
44	State, must begin to plan and implement projects that adapt infrastructure on public ands to the
45	impacts of climate change, including sea level rise, coastal erosion, flooding and storm surge;

and

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2	WHEREAS, adaptation projects will reduce the vulnerability of low-lying infrastructure
3	on public land through measures that include removal and relocation of infrastructure, restoration
4	of river and stream floodplains, including regrading of banks, revegetation, acquisition of that
5	land necessary to maintain public access, and redesigning, resizing and replacing culverts and
6	bridge spans at existing wetland crossings; and
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8	WHEREAS, reducing the vulnerability of our infrastructure is vital to the economic
9	prosperity and quality of life of the citizens of the State; and
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11	WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island and its cities and towns need a dedicated, long-
12	term source of funding to fund projects that reduce vulnerable infrastructure and protect or
13	enhance coastal or riverine habitats in response to climate change impacts; and
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15	WHEREAS, the City of Warwick, boasts thirty-nine miles (39 miles) of coastline and the
16	Pawtuxet River, the preservation of which is of the utmost importance to its citizens.
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18	NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warwick City Council supports the
19	passage of Senate Bill 2194 and House Bill 7165, both entitled, "An Act Relating to Waters and
20	Navigation—The Climate Change Coastal Adaptation Trust Fund," by the Rhode Island General
21	Assembly.
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23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to its
24	Senators and Representatives in the Rhode Island General Assembly, including Senators Michael
25	McCaffrey, Erin Lynch Prata and Mark McKenney, and Representatives Joseph McNamara,
26	David Bennet, K. Joseph Shekarchi, Joseph Solomon, Jr., Camille Vella-Wilkinson, Evan
27	Shanley, and James Jackson, Speaker of the House Nicholas Mattiello, Senate President
28	Dominick Ruggiero, Lieutenant Governor Daniel McKee and Governor Gina Raimondo.
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30	This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.
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COMMITTEE:

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