

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

**CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH
AN OCEAN STATE CLIMATE ADAPTION
AND RESLIENCE FUND (“OSCAR”)**

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the impacts of climate change upon Rhode Island’s build and natural environments are wide-ranging, discernible and documented, and, in many cases growing in severity and include sea level rise, coastal erosion, flooding and storm surge; and

WHEREAS, as of 2016, maximum sea level rise is projected by the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration (“NOAA”) to be approximately one foot (1’) in 2035, two feet (2’) in 2050, and up to nine feet (9’) by 2100; and annual precipitation has increased by two inches (2”) since 1950; and

WHEREAS, the production, transport and use of fossil fuels releases carbon dioxide and methane, two greenhouse gases that trap the Earth’s heat within the atmosphere, leading to climate change impacts; and

WHEREAS, climate change has and will continue to pose significant risks for State and municipal infrastructure and our environment, public health, welfare, and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, providing areas for coastal habitats to migrate inland and restoring river and stream floodplains are essential to protecting and preserving wildlife; and

WHEREAS, public access to shoreline will be threatened by sea level rise and erosion; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island’s infrastructure is at risk and cities and town, along with the State, must begin to plan and implement projects that adapt infrastructure on public ands to the impacts of climate change, including sea level rise, coastal erosion, flooding and storm surge; and

