

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

APPROVED.....MAYOR

RESOLUTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION
FUNDING STATE AID TO LIBRARIES AT 25% OF THE LOCAL FUNDS EXPENDED

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, for many people, public libraries are their only means of access to books, computer services, technology training, and all forms of media essential for fulfilling and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, free public libraries are essential to the general enlightenment of citizens in democracy and provide for the cultural, educational, informational, and research needs of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Article XII of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island provides that it “shall be the duty of the General Assembly to promote public schools and public libraries, and to adopt all means which it deems necessary and proper to secure to the people the advantages and opportunities of education and public library services”; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of libraries in our society, the General Assembly enacted legislation setting state aid to libraries at the twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount spent from local tax funds and a library’s private endowment as prescribed in RIGL §29-6-2; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s proposed FY2025 budget funds state aid to libraries at 24.18%, which if enacted would result in \$30,398 less state aid to the City of Warwick than at the 25% level; and

WHEREAS, the Warwick City Council desires that the State Aid to Libraries be funded at the 25% level as presented in H 7335 and S 2589.

