

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

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

**APPROVED.....MAYOR**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING NEW FOSSIL FUEL BASED ENERGY SOURCES SUCH AS THE PROPOSED INVENERGY POWER PLANT IN BURRILLVILLE**

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**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 Warwick City Council favors the use of clean and green energy sources and supports the expanded use of solar power, wind turbines, and other non-fossil fuel sources for energy in Warwick and the entire State of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws § 42-6.2 et. seq. also known as the Resilient Rhode Island Act (Act) of 2014 calls for reductions of greenhouse gas emissions by 10% below 1990 levels by 2020, 45% below 1990 levels by 2035, and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, Governor Lincoln Chafee signed this Act into law on August 1, 2014 to require all state and local permitting agencies to use the Act to reduce the amount of greenhouse gasses produced in the State of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Warwick have consistently voted for and approved open space, agricultural and recreational bond referendums, encouraged energy efficiency programs, supported the use of alternative energy sources and other "green" energy initiatives, that improve the quality of life for all Warwick residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, since that time, many citizens of Rhode Island, as well as our neighboring communities in Connecticut and Massachusetts, have expressed clear opposition to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center power plant (CREC) for reasons including the impacts on property, environment, emissions, need, cost, water and traffic; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Warwick are aware of the increasing threat to our local and global environment which is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels and believes that reducing those emissions through the Act will help the citizens of the City of Warwick and Rhode Island lead healthier and better lives; and

32 WHEREAS, the City of Warwick values the process of Democracy in all  
33 communities throughout Rhode Island and feels that the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting  
34 Board (EFSB) process is inconsistent with local control of local land use; and  
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36 WHEREAS, on October 29, 2015 Invenergy Thermal Development LLC filed an  
37 application to construct the Clear River Energy Center power plant (CREC) in northwestern  
38 Rhode Island with the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB); and  
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40 WHEREAS, the Town of Burrillville is being sited for a proposed power plant (CREC)  
41 by the RI Public Utility Commission EFSB even though the Burrillville Town Council, Zoning,  
42 Planning, Tax Assessor and Town residents oppose the CREC; and  
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44 WHEREAS, as the democratically elected representatives of the people of Warwick,  
45 the City Council does not support and hereby expresses serious concerns over the use of water  
46 from the Scituate Reservoir, which is the primary source of water for City of Warwick, for use  
47 by the Clear River Energy Center.  
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49 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Warwick  
50 expresses its opposition to the expansion and creation of new fossil based energy sources such as  
51 the proposed Invenergy power plant and urges the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board to  
52 close docket SB 2015-06 and reject the application submitted by Invenergy Thermal  
53 Development LLC for a power plant in the Town of Burrillville.  
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55 The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Rhode  
56 Island Energy Facility Siting Board.  
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58 This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.  
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64 SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN CORLEY  
65 COUNCILMAN RIX  
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67 COMMITTEE: HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE