

**THE CITY OF WARWICK  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

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

**APPROVED.....MAYOR**

**RESOLUTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FY2023  
STATE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR LIBRARIES**

**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, since FY2009 the State of Rhode Island has not funded 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 FY2023 budget funds state aid to libraries at 22.4%, which if enacted would result in \$76,400 less state aid to the City of Warwick than at the 25% level; and

WHEREAS, the Warwick City Council supports fully funding State Aid to Libraries at the 25% level in FY2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warwick City Council hereby respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly to restore funding for State Aid to Libraries at the twenty-five percent (25%) level prescribed in RIGL §29-6-2 in the FY2023 budget.

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2 The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Governor, and  
3 the Representatives and Senators from the City of Warwick.  
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5 This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.  
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8 SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCALLISTER  
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