

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

APPROVED.....MAYOR

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH AN OCEAN STATE
CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE FUND (OSCAR)

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 impacts of climate change upon Rhode Island’s built 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 Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to be approximately one foot (1') in 2035, two feet (2') in 2050 and up to nine feet (9') by 2100; and

WHEREAS, the production, transport and use of fossil fuels have significant impacts on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the 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 and river habitats to migrate is essential to preserving coastal and marine wildlife resources; and

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

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

