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THE CITY OF WARWICK STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. *Date*

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ENTERING AGREEMENT FOR "SMART GREEN BINS" WITH SUN PACIFIC POWER CORP., INC.

RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change are real and measurable in Rhode Island and have been publicly recognized, these include rising sea level along Warwick's coast, increasingly higher average annual rainfall levels and 30 percent more intense storms driving worsening flooding of the Pawtuxet River; measurably longer and hotter summers and heat waves; and increasingly damaging coastal storms; and

WHEREAS, there is scientific consensus that conditions of climate change will continue for the next century and beyond and that these changes will impose increased vulnerability in Rhode Island and substantial costs to Rhode Island, which costs will be broadly borne across the ecosystem and society; and

WHEREAS, climate change will have public health impacts on the City of Warwick, including increased vulnerability to heat related illness, increased impacts of asthma and other respiratory issues, new opportunities for diseases to thrive, disruption of food and water supplies, loss of heat, power, and communications at home or work; and

WHEREAS, climate change threatens the viability of native species and natural ecosystems of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, the adjoining states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and through shared marine boundaries New York have taken substantial measures, including planning, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and adapting to climate change, and that it is reasonable and prudent for the health, safety and welfare of the people of the City of Warwick that Rhode Island should be consistent with this regional attention to this grave challenge; and

WHEREAS, Sun Pacific Corp., Inc. ("Sun Pacific") offers a unique and innovative "Green Energy" solution to help reduce the use of greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Sun Pacific proposes to provide "Smart Green Bins" at various locations in Warwick designated by the City with the capability to offer LED lighted solar photovoltaic message displays at no cost to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City administration finds that this service will assist in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and provide a useful public service and wishes to enter an agreement with Sun Pacific to provide the Smart Green Bins at no cost to the City – pursuant to the form of agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Warwick, Rhode Island that:

1. The City Council of the City of Warwick supports efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

2. The City Council of the City of Warwick hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Warwick to execute the agreement with Sun Pacific to provide the City with Smart Green Bins.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN COLANTUONO ON BEHALF OF MAYOR AVEDISIAN

COMMITTEE: Intergovernmental