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Burrillville Town Council Resolution In support of Legislation restoring funding for the State Aid to Libraries to the full 25 percent

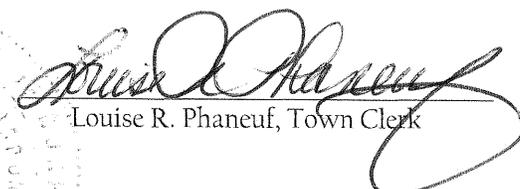
- WHEREAS, for many people, public libraries are their only means of access to computer services and all forms of media essential for fulfilling and productive lives; and
- WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of libraries in our society, the State of Rhode Island passed legislation setting the level of state aid for library services at a minimum of 25% of the amount spent from local tax funds and the library's private endowment; and
- WHEREAS, due to level funding the past several years, the actual funding percentage of library aid has been reduced to between 21 and 22%. For FY 2016, the town will receive \$144,949 (22%), which is \$20,047 less than the Town of Burrillville would have received if funding was at 25%; and
- WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors of the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library and the Pascoag Ladies Library Association have voted to support 25 percent state aid for libraries and have sought the support of the Burrillville Town Council in realizing this objective; and
- WHEREAS, the Town of Burrillville supports fully funding State Aid to Libraries at the 25% level in FY 2017.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of Town of Burrillville, do hereby support legislation which would restore funding for state aid to libraries to the full 25% required in Rhode Island General Laws § 29-6-2 (a) and urges the Burrillville delegation to the General Assembly to work diligently for its passage.

Adopted this 23rd day of March 2016


John F. Pacheco III, President
Burrillville Town Council

ATTEST:


Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk

