

TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE

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Burrillville Town Council Resolution Supporting Amendments to Chapter §42-98. Energy Facility Siting Act

- Whereas, the Energy Facility Siting Act was enacted in 1986; and
- Whereas, the legislative findings of the Act, that "... the evaluation of proposals must recognize and consider the need for these facilities in relation to the overall impact of the facilities upon public health and safety, the environment and the economy of the state" are more true today than ever, having significant impact on all Rhode Islanders; and
- Whereas, the host community for proposed energy facilities is uniquely impacted by the law and related process; and
- Whereas, after over 30 years of utilization, the Energy Facility Siting Act requires global review and revision; and
- Whereas, the Burrillville Town Council initially requested amendment to the Act by Resolution in February 2017; and
- Whereas, in 2017, the General Assembly convened a Special Commission to Review the Energy Facility Siting Act; and
- Whereas, the Burrillville Town Council has developed proposed changes to the Energy Facility Siting Act based upon the Town's experience and the findings of the Special Commission; and
- Whereas, the proposed amendments to the Energy Facility Siting Act would provide greater protection and consideration to the concerns of host communities; and
- Whereas, the proposed amendments would also streamline the siting procedure and safeguards the need for reliable and affordable sources of energy while simultaneously protecting the state's environmental resources.

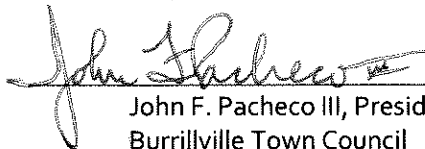
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville, respectfully request that our legislative delegation submit the town's proposal for amendments Chapter §42-98. Energy Facility Siting Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the town clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to various City and Town Councils of the State of Rhode Island seeking their consideration and support of this proposal.

PASSED AS A RESOLUTION of the Burrillville Town Council this 9th day of January 2019

ATTEST:

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk


John F. Pacheco III, President
Burrillville Town Council