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Burrillville Town Council Resolution Supporting House Bill 2024 – H 7462 Relating to Amendments to the Energy Facility Siting Act

- Whereas, the Energy Facility Siting Act was enacted in 1986; and
- Whereas, after over 35 years of change to climate and environmental policy, the Energy Facility Siting Act requires global review and revision; 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, legislation has been introduced to propose amendments to the Energy Facility Siting Act; and
- Whereas, these proposed amendments would recognize that a host community for a proposed or existing major generating facility is uniquely affected by the facility siting process; increase the membership of the siting board from three to five members; mandate inclusion and participation of the host community of the facility as well as the public in the affected cities and towns; and spell out requirements for hearing officers and public member of the board; and
- Whereas, the host community for proposed energy facilities is significantly impacted by the law and related process; and
- Whereas, the proposed amendments to the Energy Facility Siting Act will provide greater protection and support for the needs of host and abutting communities; and
- Whereas, the proposed amendments would streamline the siting procedure and safeguards the need for reliable and affordable sources of energy while simultaneously protecting the state's environmental resources, and the health and safety of the citizens of Rhode Island.

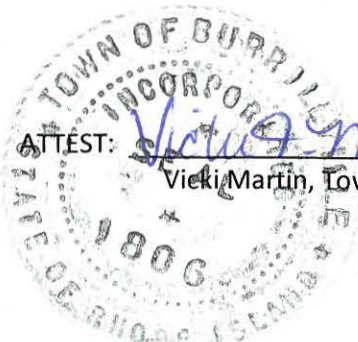
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville, hereby instruct that the town clerk is to submit a copy of this resolution to various City and Town Councils of the State of Rhode Island and the League of Cities and Towns seeking their support of House Bill 2024 – H 7462 and any Senate companion bill.

Adopted this 14th day of February 2024.

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Donald A. Fox, President
Burrillville Town Council

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vicki Martin".
Vicki Martin, Town Clerk

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