## TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE

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WHEREAS,



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## Burrillville Town Council In Support of Rhode Island League of Cities And Towns 2023 Legislative Priorities

WHEREAS, all 39 cities and towns are members of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns; and WHEREAS, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns serves as a convener and advocates to the Governor and General Assembly to support the needs of municipalities throughout the state; and the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns believes in: WHEREAS, Supporting robust local government funding through municipal aid programs, education aid and grants Opposing any constraints on the ability to raise local revenue Opposing unfunded state mandates, particularly related to workforce management and personnel costs Maintaining local control and decision-making that reflects community needs, including land use, business operations, licensing, etc. Supporting greater flexibility for local government to innovate, improve efficiency and save tax dollars; and WHEREAS, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns conducted a survey of all 39 members to develop legislative priorities for the 2023 session of the Rhode Island General Assembly; and WHEREAS, stable local and education aid from the state will ensure that cities and towns can maintain municipal operations while investing one-time Federal funds toward necessary capital improvements and economic recovery; and property taxes represent approximately two-thirds of revenue for municipal budgets WHEREAS, statewide, and Rhode Island has the eighth-highest property tax burden in the nation; and WHEREAS, any reduction in state funding would exacerbate a dependence on property taxes, ultimately

Rhode Island's municipalities are an important piece of Rhode Island's economic success.

leading to service reductions, layoffs and property tax increases; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville supports the priorities identified by the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns on behalf of the 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island.

Adopted as a resolution of the Burrillville Town Council this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

Vicki T. Martin, Town Clerk

Donald A. Fox, President

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