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3 **TOWN OF CUMBERLAND**

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5 **RESOLUTION:** In support of Legislation restoring funding for the State Aid to Libraries to
6 **the full 25 percent**

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8 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CUMBERLAND AS FOLLOWS:**

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10 **WHEREAS:** for many people, public libraries are their only means of access to computer
11 services and all forms of media essential for fulfilling and productive lives; and

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13 **WHEREAS:** in recognition of the importance of libraries in our society, the State of Rhode
14 Island passed legislation setting the level of state aid for library services at a minimum of
15 25% of the amount spent from local tax funds and the library's private endowment; and

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17 **WHEREAS:** due to level funding the past several years, the actual funding percentage of
18 library aid has been reduced to between 21 - 22%. For FY 2016, the town will receive
19 \$266,265 (22%), which is \$36,628 less than the Town of Cumberland would have received if
20 funding was at 25%; and

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22 **WHEREAS:** the Town of Cumberland supports fully funding State Aid to Libraries at the
23 25% level in FY 2017.

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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CUMBERLAND,**
26 **RHODE ISLAND, AS FOLLOWS:** THAT THE CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL, AT THE
27 REQUEST OF THE CUMBERLAND LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DOES HEREBY
28 SUPPORT LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD RESTORE FUNDING FOR STATE AID TO
29 LIBRARIES TO THE FULL 25% REQUIRED IN RI GENERAL LAWS SECTION 29-6-2 (a) AND
30 URGES THE CUMBERLAND DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO WORK
31 DILIGENTLY FOR ITS PASSAGE.

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33 **SECTION 1:** THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY
34 UPON ITS PASSAGE BY THE CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL.

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36 Library /Finance

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SANDRA GIOVANELLI, TOWN CLERK