

# City of Pawtucket

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## RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED 4/21/2016

*Resolved,*

**WHEREAS,** for many people, public libraries are their only means of free access to computers, the internet, and other forms of information and entertainment 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 for several years, the actual funding percentage of library aid has been reduced to 22% in FY 2016, and will be reduced further to about 21.2 % in FY 2017 under the proposed budget plan; and

**WHEREAS,** at the 21.2% level, the city is expecting \$344,226 of State library aid, which is about \$62,000 less than the City would receive at 25%; and

**WHEREAS,** in distressed communities like Pawtucket, this loss of funding makes it more difficult, if not impossible, to provide all of the services through our libraries that are essential to a high quality of life for our residents; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Pawtucket supports fully funding State Aid to Libraries at the 25% level in FY 2017.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE PAWTUCKET CITY COUNCIL, AT THE REQUEST OF THE PAWTUCKET LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND MAYOR DONALD R. GREBIEN, DOES HEREBY SUPPORT LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD RESTORE FUNDING FOR STATE AID TO LIBRARIES TO THE FULL 25% REQUIRED IN RI GENERAL LAWS SECTION 29-6-2 (a) AND URGES THE PAWTUCKET DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO WORK DILIGENTLY FOR ITS PASSAGE.**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PAWTUCKET**

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION  
WHICH WOULD RESTORE FUNDING FOR  
STATE AID TO LIBRARIES TO THE FULL  
25% REQUIRED IN THE GENERAL LAW  
SECTION 29-6-2 (a)

*Library - copies  
Delegation*

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READ AND PASSED ON A ROLL CALL  
VOTE: AYES 7 NOES 0  
4 / 20 / 2016  
*Richard G. Galt*  
Clerk

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APPROVED  
*[Signature]*  
4 / 21 / 2016  
MAYOR