



Warren Town Council Resolution

In support of Legislation restoring funding for the State Aid to Libraries to the full 25 percent

- WHEREAS, for many people, public libraries are their only means of access to computer services and all forms of media 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 the past several years, the actual funding percentage of library aid has been reduced to between 21 and 22%. For FY 2016, the George Hail Free Library will receive \$52,783 (22%), which is \$8,800 less than the Town of Warren would have received if funding was at 25%; and
- WHEREAS: the Town of Warren supports fully funding State Aid to Libraries at the 25% level in FY 2017.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of Town of Warren, do hereby support legislation which would restore funding for state aid to libraries to the full 25% required in Rhode Island General Laws § 29-6-2 (a) and urges the Warren delegation to the General Assembly to work diligently for its passage.

Adopted this 12th day of April 2016

Joseph DePasquale, President
Warren Town Council

ATTEST:

Julie A. Coelho, CMC, Town Clerk