

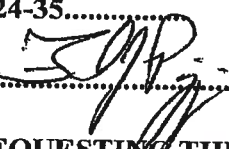
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**THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO.....R-24-35..... DATE 4-23-24.....

APPROVED .....MAYOR

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT
LEGISLATION EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION THE REAL PROPERTY
AND THE TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE
RHODE ISLAND COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a 501(c)(3) domestic, non-profit corporation incorporated in 1979; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence envisions a society where domestic violence is not tolerated because communities are enlightened and responsive to the needs of victims and their children; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence provides important services including a 24-hour Helpline support, emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, support groups, counseling services, children who witness services, prevention programs and assistance with navigating the legal system; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence provides statewide leadership on the issue of domestic violence and strives to create justice for victims of abuse through systems and legislative advocacy, training and technical assistance, storytelling and raising awareness on the issue and the prevention of domestic violence in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, since its incorporation, the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence has successfully advocated for numerous domestic violence laws and policies; launched multiple public education campaigns, and created innovative prevention strategies such as Ten Men; and

WHEREAS, the Warwick City Council values the benefits provided by the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence to the citizens of Warwick; and

WHEREAS, providing an exemption from taxation for the real and personal property of the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence shall not limit any future negotiations with or requirements for nonprofit entities in the City to enter into payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreements with the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the lease of a portion of 641 Bald Hill Road dated July 27, 2021, the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence is responsible for “thirty percent (30%) of Lessor’s assessed real property tax expense over \$19,500 for each calendar year during the 10 year term”; and

WHEREAS, the Warwick City Council desires that the amount of taxes due under the current lease terms for the portion of real and personal property of the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence located at 641 Bald Hill Road, Assessor’s Plat 263, Lot 69, be exempt from taxation for the portion of the building it occupies.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warwick City Council hereby respectfully requests that the Rhode Island General Assembly amend Rhode Island General Law §44-3-3(a) to add to the list of tax-exempt property, thirty percent (30%) of the Lessor’s assessed real property tax expense over \$19,500 for each calendar year remaining on the 10 year lease dated July 27, 2021 for the portion of real property occupied and the tangible personal property of the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence located at 641 Bald Hill Road, Assessor’s Plat 263, Lot 69.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Representatives and Senators from the City of Warwick, and the Chairpersons and Clerks of the House Committee on Municipal Government and Housing and the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN SINAPI
COUNCILMAN FOLEY
COUNCILMAN MCELROY

COMMITTEE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL