

**THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

**IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE ESMOND POST OFFICE
IN THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD, RHODE ISLAND**

WHEREAS, the Smithfield Town Council adopts this resolution to demonstrate its opposition to the proposed closure of the Esmond Post Office located on Old County Road in the Town of Smithfield, Rhode Island;

WHEREAS, the Town of Smithfield is a Rhode Island municipality containing over 26 square miles which is divided in half by the Woonasquatucket River. Each half of the Town has its own post office and zip code: Greenville (02828) and Esmond (02917);

WHEREAS, the closure of the Esmond Post Office would create a serious hardship for many of Smithfield's residents, especially senior citizens, as well as local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Smithfield Town Council must advocate for and protect the interests of the residents of the Town of Smithfield.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD, RHODE ISLAND AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Town Council of the Town of Smithfield hereby gives evidence of its full opposition to the proposed closure of the Esmond Post Office.

SECTION 2: The Town Solicitor is hereby authorized and directed to transmit this Resolution to the appropriate governmental officials along with a letter expressing the Town Council's full opposition to this proposed action and requesting that they reconsider closing the Esmond Post Office.

SECTION 3: This resolution will take effect immediately upon its passage by the Town Council.

Date of Passage: August 9, 2011

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official Seal of the Town of Smithfield this 9th day of August, 2011.

 *Dianne D. Ady*
Dianne D. Ady, Town Clerk

By the Smithfield Town Council

Michael J. Flynn
Michael J. Flynn, President