

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

**IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION
TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF VOTERS SERVED BY THE SAME
POLLING PLACE FROM 1,900 TO 4,000 VOTERS**

WHEREAS, the State Board of Elections has prepared an amendment to RIGL 17-11-1, entitled "An Act Relating to Elections – Voting Districts and Officials, " House Bill #5804, to increase the number of voters served by the same polling place from 1,900 to 4,000 voters; and

WHEREAS, due to project cuts in State aid to cities and towns and economic conditions generally, it is incumbent upon town officials to examine areas of potential savings to taxpayers, which will not impact negatively on Town services; and

WHEREAS, the State's savings during the eight-year period of the upcoming lease/purchase and service agreement for new equipment has been estimated at \$2,120,500., with an additional estimated savings to the municipalities during the same eight-year period at \$1,682,000., for a total combined savings of \$3,802,500.; and

WHEREAS, the legislation will have the effect of merging voting districts, which will result in the need for fewer poll workers, fewer custodians, fewer buildings, and fewer meals on all election days, providing a cost savings to each city and town; and

WHEREAS, the legislation has been endorsed and supported by the local Smithfield Board of Canvassers and the Rhode Island Town and City Clerks Association; now therefore be it hereby

SECTION 1: The Smithfield Town Council supports and urges passage of the proposed legislation by the Rhode Island General Assembly.

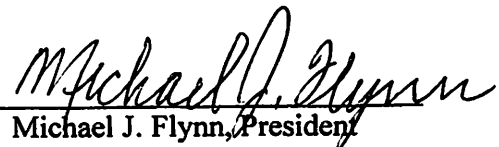
SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage by the Smithfield Town Council.

Date Adopted: March 15, 2011

In witness whereof I have hereunto
and set my hand and affixed the official seal
of the Town of Smithfield.

Dianne L. Ady, Town Clerk

By the Smithfield Town Council



Michael J. Flynn, President