

TOWN OF EXETER, RI

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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

AN ACT RELATING TO AMENDMENTS TO RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS, Section 45-2-3.2

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS UPON FAILURE OF CITY OR TOWN TO APPROVE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Section 4.2.2 of the duly approved Town of Exeter “Emergency Operations Plan – Basic Plan” (hereinafter the “Exeter E.O.P.”), the Town Council President has been designated as the Chief Elected Officer of the Town of Exeter and is therefore the principal executive officer of the Town of Exeter; and

WHEREAS: Calvin A. Ellis being the duly elected President of the Exeter Town Council is therefore designated as the Chief Elected Officer of the Town of Exeter; and

WHEREAS: Council President Calvin A. Ellis has reviewed the amendments proposed in the above-entitled amendment to the Rhode Island General Laws and understands that the amendments proposed in the above-referenced amendments are required to address emergency and extreme situations such as the current stay-at-home and gathering limitations or events of natural disaster; and

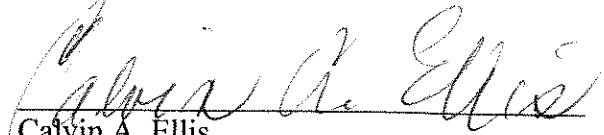
WHEREAS: The amendments proposed will allow for an alternative process in limited and special circumstances to allow for the continued, uninterrupted function of municipal government during situations when most needed; and

WHEREAS: Town Council President Calvin A. Ellis, after review and consideration of the amendments, has concluded that the legislation will not result in undermining the rights of eligible voters at future financial town meetings except for specific instances where the state and local governments both have to be in a state of emergency with limitations on gathering.

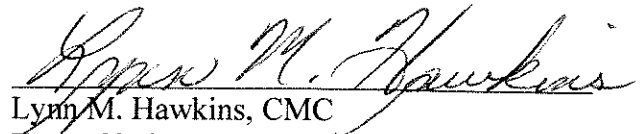
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Town of Exeter, Rhode Island, respectfully requests that the General Assembly pass the amendments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of the within Statement of Support to the Town of Exeter's State Senator Elaine Morgan and Representatives Julie Casimiro and Justin Price.

So Ordered


Calvin A. Ellis
Town Council President

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby attach my hand and the official seal of the Town of Exeter this 10th day of June, 2020.


Lynn M. Hawkins, CMC
Town Clerk

