RESOLUTION TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM, RHODE ISLAND IN SUPPORT OF AN INCREASE TO THE NEW SHOREHAM LANDING FEE

April 9, 2025

R-06-2025

WHEREAS, pursuant to RIGL 45-2-35 and Chapter 35 § 1 of the Public Laws of 1991, the Town of New Shoreham was authorized to charge, assess, or otherwise collect a fifty cent (\$.50) landing fee on each passenger over the age of twelve (12) arriving on Block Island by public or private boat;

WHEREAS, the fifty cent (\$.50) landing fee that the Town of New Shoreham is authorized to charge, assess or otherwise collect has not been raised or adjusted since 1990;

WHEREAS, in the course of the past three and a half decades the Town of New Shoreham has seen significant increases in costs associated with the expenses related to the provision of emergency medical services, support of tourism related activities, the construction and maintenance of tourism support facilities and other functions promoting and sustaining the health, safety and welfare of passengers arriving on Block Island;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the New Shoreham Town Council hereby requests the Rhode Island General Assembly to amend RI General Law 45-2-35 to allow the Town of New Shoreham to charge, assess, or otherwise collect a one dollar (\$1.00) landing fee on each passenger over the age of twelve (12) arriving on Block Island by public or private boat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be made part of the permanent record of the Town. Witness our hands and seal this 9th day of April, 2025.

First Warden Keith Stover

Second Warden Nancy Dodge

Town Councilor Tristan Payne

Town Councilor Margaret O'Neill

Town Councilor William McCombe

Attest: Town Clerk Millicent Highet