

State of Rhode Island
Town of Glocester
Resolution #2026-06

IN SUPPORT OF 2026 — H 8436
RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR
ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Glocester recognizes the importance of providing meaningful property tax relief to elderly and disabled residents who are on fixed or limited incomes; and

WHEREAS, 2026 — H 8436 proposes to amend Rhode Island General Laws § 44-3-13.5 to expand and clarify the authority of the Town of Glocester to provide such tax relief through local ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would authorize the Town to modernize its property tax exemption structure, including:

- Establishing a base exemption for elderly and disabled residents;
- Providing additional exemptions for residents aged eighty (80) years and older;
- Allowing for a variable income-based exemption program;
- Authorizing a minimum tax provision; and
- Implementing a non-compounded Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) adjustment to maintain the value of exemptions over time; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that these changes will enhance local flexibility, promote fairness, and better align state law with the Town's existing and anticipated ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the legislation enables the Town to respond more effectively to economic conditions and the needs of its senior and disabled population while maintaining fiscal responsibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Glocester hereby supports passage of 2026 — H 8436 entitled "*An Act Relating to Taxation — Property Subject to Taxation — Glocester — Exemption of Elderly and Disabled Persons.*"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council respectfully urges the members of the Rhode Island General Assembly to enact this legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to:

- The Gloucester Legislative Delegation;
- The Speaker of the House;
- The President of the Senate; and
- The Governor of the State of Rhode Island.

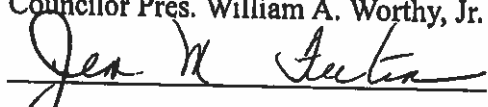
This RESOLUTION shall take effect upon passage.

Passed this 2nd day of May 2026

GLOUCESTER TOWN COUNCIL



Councillor Pres. William A. Worthy, Jr.



Jean M. Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk