

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H8580 RELATING TO THE NORTH
TIVERTON FIRE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2026-0019

WHEREAS, H8580 has been introduced in the Rhode Island General Assembly to reduce the number of tax assessors serving on the administrative board in the North Tiverton Fire District (“Fire District”) from six to four effective following the annual meeting of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Bill makes the reduction of tax assessors effective only through the resignation of a duly elected tax assessor during his or her elected term, after which the position remains unfilled until there are only four tax assessors; and

WHEREAS, the Fire District is a quasi-municipal agency established to provide drinking water and fire hydrant water to a designated area within the town of Tiverton; and

WHEREAS, tax assessors within the Fire District levy and assess taxes on all real estate within the Fire District, personal property belonging to the Fire District’s residents, and the tangible personal property within the limits of the Fire District belonging to non-residents, before preparing and depositing the tax list with the Tax Collector and the District Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in tax assessors will provide improved administrative functions by streamlining decisions and allowing the Fire District to operate as a smaller and more focused administrative board; and

WHEREAS, the reduction will also provide budget-relief to the Fire District, allowing it to ensure its revenue is used to continue the purchase of treated water from its trusted suppliers such that the residents of Tiverton can rely on the Fire District to continue meeting its designated functions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Tiverton does hereby support H8580.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk transmit forthwith a copy of this Resolution to the Governor and to the members of Tiverton’s legislative delegation in the Rhode Island General Assembly.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed as a Resolution of the Tiverton Town Council this 8th of June, 2026

ATTEST: Joan Chabot, Town Clerk

INTRODUCED BY: Council President John Edwards V