

TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RHODE ISLAND

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION ALLOWING FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING SERVICES AFTER BEING AFFECTED BY CASUALTIES SUCH AS FIRE OR FLOODING

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of May 20, 2025, a devastating fire took place at the Matunuck Oyster Bar (the “MOB”), located at 629 Succotash Road in Wakefield; and

WHEREAS, the extent of the devastation is such that the MOB will be unable to operate from its present location for approximately the next twelve (12) months; and

WHEREAS, the MOB employs approximately three hundred (300) full-time and seasonal employees, and is therefore an important contributor to the economy of the Town of South Kingstown, Washington County, and greater Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation has been filed in the Rhode Island General Assembly which would allow food service businesses such as the MOB to provide temporary outdoor dining services in the event that the location of the business has been rendered uninhabitable by virtue of a casualty such as a fire or flood; and

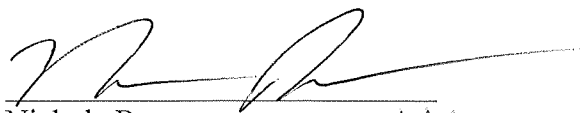
WHEREAS, the Town wishes to extend its support to Perry Raso, owner and operator of the MOB, as well as the employees of the MOB; and

WHEREAS, this legislation will enable the MOB to continue serving the community while developing a long-term plan for the establishment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The South Kingstown Town Council hereby respectfully requests the General Assembly to adopt and ratify the proposed amendment to Title 45, Chapter 24 of the General Laws, attached hereto; and
2. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Town’s Legislative Delegation requesting that they introduce the appropriate legislation and work for its passage in the 2025 session of the General Assembly.

ATTEST:



Nichole Romane
Town Clerk



Rory McEntee
President, South Kingstown Town Council

