

TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH, RHODE ISLAND

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION ALLOWING THE TOWN OF
EAST GREENWICH TO ENACT A TIERED TAX CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws, Title 44, Chapter 5, Section 11.8, authorizes Rhode Island municipalities to adopt a tiered tax classification system; and

WHEREAS, this statute limits the adoption of such a system to years when there is a completion of a comprehensive revaluation or an update; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to statute, a comprehensive revaluation occurs only once every nine years and an update only occurs in three-year intervals between the revaluations; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has amended RIGL 44-5-11.8 several times to allow certain Rhode Island municipalities, including Providence, Glocester, Middletown, Little Compton, Scituate, and Coventry, to create a tiered tax classification system, notwithstanding the year of revaluation or update; and

WHEREAS, due to the fiscal state of East Greenwich, the Town Council would like to explore creating and be authorized to create a tiered tax system in East Greenwich as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, waiting for a revaluation or update year would cause a critical delay in creating and implementing such a tiered tax system; and

WHEREAS, included with this resolution is draft legislation that would amend RIGL 44-5-11.8 to allow East Greenwich to create a tiered tax classification system regardless of whether it is a revaluation or update year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The East Greenwich Town Council hereby respectfully requests the General Assembly to enact the proposed amendment to RIGL 44-5-11.8 in the 2019 legislative session, in order to allow East Greenwich to adopt a tiered tax classification system regardless of whether it is a revaluation or update year; and
2. This resolution shall take effect upon passage.

ATTEST:

Leigh Carney, Town Clerk
(insert date)