



Town of East Greenwich State of Rhode Island

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

NO. 2019. _____

For local support and promotion of the "RI WAVES" Initiative

WHEREAS, over the last 10 years in Rhode Island, 140 pedestrians and 13 cyclists have perished due to car crashes, and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration commissioned a statewide public awareness campaign – RI Waves – in an effort to reduce crashes and improve safety for bicyclists, pedestrians and other vulnerable road users; and

WHEREAS, RI Waves is a positive, proactive, friendly, and intuitive campaign that teaches all road users to communicate and confirm that they see one another, and that doing the RI Wave promises safer streets statewide; and

WHEREAS, the RI Waves campaign is benefitting from the support of numerous statewide partners including the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority and AAA Northeast and regional tourism bureaus including but not limited to the Blackstone Valley Visitors Center in Pawtucket and the Newport Visitors Center; and

WHEREAS, the campaign's success will be strengthened by municipal adoption of the initiative and local promotion in our towns and cities via schools, businesses, and community organizations; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of East Greenwich enthusiastically supports the RI Waves campaign and that we will promote RI Waves wherever possible to ensure that our citizens and visitors benefit from the practices encouraged by the RI Waves campaign – to stop, look, wave, and wait for a return wave whenever they cross paths; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town staff are authorized to make use of the materials provided by this important statewide public awareness campaign made available through our state Department of Transportation; and that the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Mr. Peter Alviti, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, and Ms. Gabrielle Abbate, Chief of Highway Safety for the State of Rhode Island. Thanks to the efforts of many devoted volunteers and public servants, lives will be saved in the future through the reduction of road traffic tragedies and the practice of safer road sharing behaviors.

Attest the seal of the Town Council of the Town of East Greenwich this ____ day of _____ A.D. 2019.

Leigh A. Carney, CMC
Town Clerk

Mark Schwager, President

Michael Donegan, Vice President

Caryn Corenthal, Councilor

Renu Englehart, Councilor

Michael Zarrella, Councilor