

Town of Warren Resolution

**Town of Warren
Bristol County, Rhode Island**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH MUNICIPALITIES DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO
PROVIDE HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND ACCESS
RESOLUTION NO. 22-153**

WHEREAS the Warren Town Council recognizes that access to high-speed broadband is essential for both residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS the State of Rhode Island with funding from the federal government has the ability to develop and implement a plan to provide high-speed broadband; and

WHEREAS the Town of Warren has completed a study of Warren residents which indicates that 63% of respondents are not meeting the federal standards of upload and download speeds; and

WHEREAS the study also indicated a wide disparity as to fees residents and businesses are being charged while not having access to the federal download and upload speeds; and

WHEREAS the Warren Town Council by this resolution demonstrates their commitment to ensuring that residents and businesses will have access to affordable high-speed broadband.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF WARREN RHODE ISLAND,
THAT**

The Town Council:

- 1) Encourages the State of Rhode Island to regulate broadband service as a utility.
- 2) Requests that the State continue to work with cities and towns in developing a plan to ensure all residents and businesses have access to high-speed broadband.
- 3) Requests that the State ensure pricing transparency for high-speed broadband and that minimum federal speed standards are available to all residents and businesses.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WARREN ON
THIS September 6, 2022**

By: 

John W. Hanley, Town Council President

ATTEST

By: 

Sandra Speroni CMC, Town Clerk