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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,300,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF FOSTER TO RESOLVE COVID-INFLATED COSTS INCURRED DURING CONSTRUCTION ADDRESSING PUBLIC SAFETY, BUILDING CODE AND ADA COMPLIANCE ISSUES WITH THE TOWN'S POLICE STATION

Introduced By: Representative Michael W. Chippendale

Date Introduced: March 16, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, The funding provided under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
2 "provides a unique opportunity for state and local governments to make strategic investments in
3 long-lived assets, rebuild reserves to enhance financial stability, and cover temporary operating
4 shortfalls until economic conditions and operations normalize"; and

5 WHEREAS, The Town of Foster requires relocation and construction of a new Foster
6 Police Station building in order to address numerous public safety, building code, and ADA
7 compliance issues with the existing structure; and

8 WHEREAS, The original plan's costs of \$3,000,000, which included a budget of \$400/SF
9 and 25 percent allowance included for furniture, fixtures, equipment, and design fees were put
10 before and subsequently approved by voters in the Town of Foster; and

11 WHEREAS, During the intervening time between formation of the design plan, passage
12 by the voters and actual construction, COVID-19 struck producing a "devastating impact on the
13 global supply chain and labor markets" and adversely impacting the costs and availability of all
14 building materials; and

15 WHEREAS, Resultantly, the cost for the code compliance construction that is necessary
16 to support safety, ADA compliance, and LMIH goals for the new Foster Police building is now
17 estimated to be \$550/SF with a 30 percent allowance for furniture, fixtures, equipment, and
18 design fees, which has left a deficit of \$1,300,000 to complete the project; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money from the American
2 Rescue Plan Act in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2022-2023, the sum
3 of one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) to the Town of Foster for relief in
4 combating elevated COVID-related construction costs to the Town's Police Station; and the state
5 controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the
6 payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of
7 properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$1,300,000 to the Town
- 2 of Foster for relief in combating elevated COVID-related construction costs to the Town's Police
- 3 Station.

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