

1 **ARTICLE 4**

2 **RELATING TO DEBT MANAGEMENT ACT JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

3 SECTION 1. This article shall serve as joint resolution required pursuant to Rhode Island
4 Laws 35-18-1, *et seq.*

5 SECTION 2. *University of Rhode Island – Utility Infrastructure Upgrade Phase III.*

6 WHEREAS, the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees and the University of Rhode
7 Island (“University”) are proposing a project which involves the engineering and construction of
8 upgrades and component replacements to five (5) municipal-level Kingston Campus utility
9 systems;

10 WHEREAS, the University has engaged qualified engineering firms to examine its major
11 infrastructure systems;

12 WHEREAS, based on the condition and capabilities of these systems, the studies have
13 concluded that replacement of components and reconfiguration is advisable for each of these
14 extensive systems to ensure necessary steam, water, sanitary, and electrical support for the
15 University’s campuses for the next twenty (20) to forty (40) years;

16 WHEREAS, the University has also developed the required Stormwater Management Plan
17 for the Kingston Campus, which provides guidelines that are being incorporated into new building
18 projects under development and are driving stand-alone stormwater infrastructure projects as well;

19 WHEREAS, the University has successfully completed many extremely important
20 individual utility infrastructure projects in its continuing progression of work to upgrade and
21 replace infrastructure systems, but now needs additional investments beyond annual capital
22 resources;

23 WHEREAS, this project is the third phase in a phased implementation plan to upgrade and
24 improve the reliability of infrastructure on the University’s campuses;

25 WHEREAS, the total project cost associated with the completion of this phase of the
26 project and proposed financing method is nine million one hundred ninety-one thousand two
27 hundred fifty dollars (\$9,191,250), including cost of issuance, debt service payments would be
28 supported by revenues derived from the University’s unrestricted general revenues, and total debt
29 service on the bonds is not expected to exceed eight hundred five thousand dollars (\$805,000)
30 annually and sixteen million one hundred thousand dollars (\$16,100,000) in the aggregate based
31 on an average interest rate of six (6%) percent and a twenty (20) year term; now, therefore be it

32 **RESOLVED**, that this General Assembly hereby approves financing in an amount not to
33 exceed nine million one hundred ninety-one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$9,191,250) for
34 the Utility Infrastructure Upgrade Phase III project at the University; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, that, this Joint Resolution shall take effect upon passage by this General
2 Assembly.
3 SECTION 2. This article shall take effect upon passage.