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The State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Town of Gloucester
Resolution #2016-02

Proposing the Creation of the Foster/Glocester Regional School Tax District

WHEREAS: the Foster/Glocester Regional School District was established in 1958; with the intention of providing Secondary Education to 6th-12th Grade students in the Towns of Foster and Gloucester, and

WHEREAS: the financial support for the Regional School District was to be the responsibility of the two member towns, in a manner that was affordable to its residents; and

WHEREAS: In 2006, the Senate passed Senate Bill #3050 which limits the amount a Town can apply a levy of tax over its prior year assessment to no more than an increase of 4% per annum; this levy is to cover both municipal and school budget operational and capital expenses in a given fiscal year; and

WHEREAS: this law put an ever increasing burden on Towns to stay within their levy limit, and

WHEREAS: the Foster/Glocester Regional School District has decided, that although they are a pass through for funds from the two member Towns, that the needs of the Regional School District supersede the ability for the member Towns to continue to provide necessary services such as Public Safety, Public Works and General Town Administration; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gloucester Town Council, through its elected Representatives and Senators in the Rhode Island General Assembly, hereby request that legislation be drafted and considered by the entire body of both the House and Senate; that the Foster/Glocester Regional School District become its own taxing district, not unlike similar districts in other states across the United States, for the purpose of raising, appropriating and collecting taxes of their own for operating and capital expenses; subject to the laws of the State of Rhode Island and that the Towns of Foster and Gloucester will no longer have an appropriation made through their municipal taxes for the purpose of funding the Regional School District.

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