

THE CITY OF NEWPORT

R E S O L U T I O N

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C O U N C I L

No.

WHEREAS, one venue for the City to express governmental speech is through the flags it flies at the seat of government or on other municipal buildings or property; AND

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court ruled in May of 2022 that where a government does not speak for itself through an ordinance, a policy or a vote relating to what type of flags are flown, then the government cannot exclude flags based on the flag's content; AND

WHEREAS, it is important for the flags that fly at City Hall represent the City's collective interests and viewpoints; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: It is the policy of the City of Newport to fly flags of the City of Newport, State of Rhode Island, the United States of America, and recognized governments, as well as other flags that from time to time may be flown following a vote by the City Council to fly said flags for limited periods of time, with the flying of said flag to be a representation of governmental speech in support of the message conveyed by the flag; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: The administration shall work with the Solicitor's Office to develop the appropriate model resolution template, policies, rules or ordinances to govern the flying of flags on city property consistent with this resolution.

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