

**THE CITY OF WARWICK  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING DEBIT CARD FEES COLLECTED ON STATE OF  
RHODE ISLAND BENEFITS BY J P MORGAN CHASE**

**Resolved that,**

1 WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Warwick are  
2 matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

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4 WHEREAS, JPMorgan Chase provides debit card services for Rhode Island  
5 unemployment, temporary disability insurance, Child Support and SNAP (food stamp) benefits  
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8 WHEREAS, JPMorgan Chase is a multi-national corporation with no branches in Rhode  
9 Island; and

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11 WHEREAS, JPMorgan Chase collects debit card fees from Rhode Island businesses and  
12 those receiving unemployment, temporary disability insurance, Child Support and SNAP  
13 benefits; and

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15 WHEREAS, Rhode Island state government should share in the benefit of the fees on  
16 government benefit funds currently pocketed entirely by JPMorgan Chase; and

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18 WHEREAS, Rhode Island should encourage local small businesses to promote the Rhode  
19 Island economy; and

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21 WHEREAS, Governor Chafee has decided to put the contract with JP Morgan Chase out  
22 for bid.

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24 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warwick City Council urges  
25 Governor Lincoln Chafee, as part of the bid process, to request an immediate audit of JP  
Morgan

26 Chase per the current contract between the state and JP Morgan Chase to reveal the fees  
27 collected by JP Morgan Chase under the current contract; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Warwick City Council requests Governor  
30 Lincoln Chafee use his power upon review of the results of the audit to negotiate the best new  
31 contract possible for Rhode Island's unemployed and temporarily disabled.

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33 The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Governor  
34 and the Senators and Representatives from the City of Warwick.

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36 This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

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40 SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN SOLOMON, COUNCILWOMAN VELLA-  
WILKINSON

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43 COMMITTEE: FINANCE