

1 THE CITY OF CRANSTON

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3 **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON**

4 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
5 LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CRANSTON A ONE-YEAR LEVY
6 CAP EXEMPTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 NOT TO EXCEED FIVE AND ONE-
7 HALF PERCENT (5.5%) UNDER R.I.G.L. SEC. 44-5-2

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Daniel R. Wall, Council President

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18 *Resolved, that*

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20 **WHEREAS**, the City of Cranston is currently facing substantial financial complexities
21 and pressures that, if unaddressed, could materially effect taxpayers and the delivery of City
22 critical city services;

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24 **WHEREAS**, the City of Cranston therefore believes it is in the best interest of its
25 residents to seek to reserve the option of a one-time exemption to the statutory maximum levy on
26 local taxes from the Rhode Island General Assembly;

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28 **WHEREAS**, the City of Cranston specifically desires that the Rhode Island General
29 Assembly to enact legislation amending R.I.G.L. § 44-5-2 to permit the City a one-time
30 exemption from the tax levy cap for fiscal year 2027, increasing the maximum allowable levy
31 from four percent (4%) to an amount not to exceed five and one-half percent (5.5%).

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33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Cranston and the Cranston
34 City Council hereby supports and urges the passage of a bill authorizing the aforementioned
35 one-time tax levy cap exemption, thereby empowering the City of Cranston to enact a budget and
36 tax levy to protect necessary services and allow for the City to meet its financial obligations.

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38 This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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41 Sponsored by: Council President Daniel R. Wall
42 To be referred to Special Finance Committee May 14, 2026

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