

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations



Resolution

CONGRATULATING THE RHODE ISLAND RIVERS COUNCIL ON THE  
OCCASION OF ITS 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Water is beneficial and vital to all life and in the immortal words of Henry David Thoreau, "Who hears the rippling of rivers will not utterly despair of anything"; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Rivers Council was established by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1991. Over the ensuing twenty-five years this fine organization has been managing efforts to improve the quality of our state's rivers and their watersheds, and developing and strengthening the unity of all local watershed councils; and

WHEREAS, Through state-wide coordination, diligent oversight, and strenuous review efforts, the Rhode Island Rivers Council has produced vast improvements and formed beneficial partnerships for preserving the quality of our rivers and other water bodies. The council sets policy, goals and guidance for ten "local watershed councils" within the state; and

WHEREAS, One such example of the Council's coordinated efforts is with the Buckeye Brook Coalition, a nonprofit corporation which was founded in 2002, and their application was accepted in 2004 to become a local watershed council. The Coalition works to protect, preserve, and restore Buckeye Brook, its watershed, and its self-sustaining herring run; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the Buckeye Brook Coalition, the Rivers Council supports and strengthens the efforts of nine additional state designated local watershed councils including, the Blackstone River Watershed Council/Friends of the Blackstone, the Friends of the Moshassuck, Kickemuit River Council, the Narrow River Preservation Association, the Pawtuxet River Authority & Watershed Council, the Salt Ponds Coalition, the Ten Mile River Watershed Council, Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association, and the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council; and

WHEREAS, Through public awareness and education programs and initiatives, the Rhode Island Rivers Council has been brightening and preserving our rivers for future generations of Rhode Islanders to enjoy; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we here gathered hereby commend and honor the Rhode Island Rivers Council for its devotion to improving Rhode Island's most treasured asset. We furthermore congratulate its membership, both past and present, on the occasion of their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and know that they will continue to work to ensure a sparkling tomorrow for all Rhode Islanders.

Given this 13th day of January, 2016

Proposed by: Eileen Slattery Naughton  
Representative Eileen Slattery Naughton

