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2 **FC-R-2015-17**

3 **CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT**

4 **RESOLUTION:** To support the passage of senate bill S-0177.
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6 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CFD COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS:**

7 WHEREAS: The Cumberland Fire District falls under almost all of the RI General Laws
8 governing "public bodies" such as OMA, Board of Election Laws, Public
9 Records request and Ethics Commission, etc.

10 WHEREAS: As only the board of elections has stated we are not a public body,

11 WHEREAS: In a recent Superior Court decision in AG of RI vs The Albion Fire District
12 in a consolidated action of C.A. No.: 10-7084 and C.A. No.: 11-1552 in an
13 open meetings complaint; it was ordered that the Fire District be fined
14 for the violation of the OMA as the courts rule the District a public body.

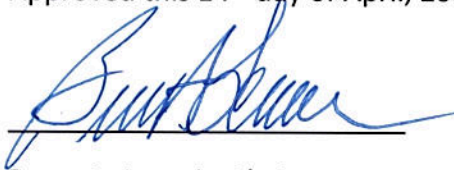
15 WHERE AS: It should be clarified that the CFD is a public body
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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**
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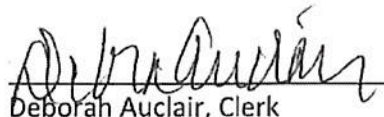
19 RESOLVED: Upon passage of this resolution it shall be forwarded to the Cumberland
20 delegation of RI Senators and Representatives

21 RESOLVED: Upon passage the CFD will fully support S-0177
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24 Approved this 14th day of April, 2015

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27 Bruce A. Lemois, Chairman

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Deborah Auclair, Clerk

28 **Passed 5-2**

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