Resolved, that the Rhode Island ELL/LEP Advisory Council:

- Endorses the following TESOL Position Statements with respect to the importance of the native language in the acquisition of English and in promoting academic achievement for English Language Learners:
  -- *Native Language Support in the Acquisition of English as a Second Language* (December 1999)
  -- *Multilingualism* (October 2004)
  -- *Diversity of English Language Learners in the United States* (October 2006)
  -- *Language and Literacy Development for Young English Language Learners* (October 2001)

- Recommends that these well-informed position statements be honored in the formulation of assessment and instructional educational policies in Rhode Island for English Language Learners