

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 536

Approved November 12, 1992

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WHEREAS, The Facility's siting puts tens of thousands of people at risk because LNG is a highly dangerous material, and

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WHEREAS, A report to the Congress by the United States General Accounting Office in 1978 found that the Facility's dike is inadequate to contain a major spill and recommended that LNG facilities be built inground in remote areas, rather than aboveground in densely populated areas, and

WHEREAS, The technology and regulations for siting and constructing LNG facilities have advanced considerably since the early 1970's, and

WHEREAS, Serious concerns have recently been raised about the safety and necessity of the Facility, and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council has an obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Providence,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby urge the State of Rhode Island and the Public Utilities Commission to carry out a properly funded and empowered public investigation of the safety and necessity of the Algonquin LNG Facility and the feasibility of safer alternatives and to take all measures necessary to ensure the public health, safety and welfare of all citizens in the metropolitan region.

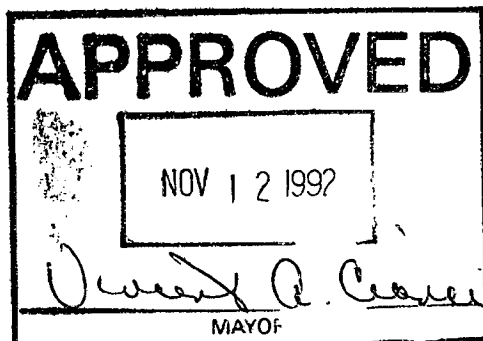
IN CITY COUNCIL

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Resolution requesting the State of R.I. and the
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Resolution sponsored
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