

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 425

Approved October 22, 2025

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council acknowledges that it stands on the traditional homelands of the Narragansett and Pokanoket Tribal Nations, known historically as Maswasscut and Moshassuck; and

WHEREAS, The Narragansett and Pokanoket are the first peoples and ancestral inhabitants of these lands, whose presence long predates the founding of Providence and continues today; and

WHEREAS, The City Council also recognizes the Nipmuc, Niantic, and Manissean Tribal Nations as Indigenous peoples to the region now known as Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, The Narragansett and Pokanoket were not only the first people to call Providence home, but also the first to establish systems of governance, trade, and community grounded in respect and coexistence, shaping the cultural and political foundations of this country; and



WHEREAS, Despite centuries of displacement and marginalization, the Narragansett, Pokanoket, Nipmuc, Niantic, and Manissean Nations continue to maintain their traditions, leadership, and active presence in Providence and across Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, As we work collectively to create a better and brighter future for all members of the Providence community, we acknowledge the original inhabitants of these lands and their lasting contributions to the City's identity and history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of Providence expresses its deep respect and gratitude to the Narragansett, Pokanoket, Nipmuc, Niantic, and Manissean Tribal Nations as the first peoples of these lands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council reaffirms its commitment to collaboration with Indigenous communities and to advancing inclusion, understanding, and equity for all residents of the City of Providence.

IN CITY COUNCIL
OCT 16 2025
READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 10/22/25