

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 760

Approved November 25, 1983

WHEREAS, Arson is a profit making business for a few that ruins neighborhoods and the quality of life for many, and

WHEREAS, There were 311 confirmed or suspected arsons in Providence in 1982 and 230 in 1981, and

WHEREAS, The estimated losses in Providence attributable to arson were \$2.8 million in 1982 and \$4.9 million in 1981, and

WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island has estimated arson losses of \$16 million, and

WHEREAS, The cost is also reflected in higher insurance costs and higher property taxes, and

WHEREAS, The Providence Fire Department has the knowledge and the talent but not the financial resources to effectively combat arson, and

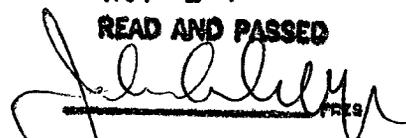
WHEREAS, It is in the best business interest of the major fire insurance companies doing business in Rhode Island to reduce arson,

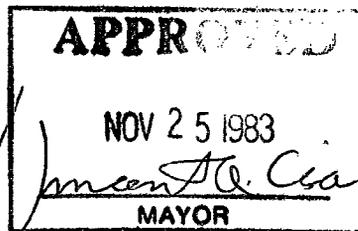
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor institute a public/private partnership with the major fire insurance companies to intensify the City's efforts to convict a few of the major arsonists in our Community. Supplementing the City's operational expertise with the insurance companies' financial and technical resources will dramatically reduce arsons in our City.

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