

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 439

Approved November 12, 2025

WHEREAS, Patricia Raub was a resident of the Fourteenth Ward; and

WHEREAS, A historian by trade, Ms. Raub documented the early history of Providence libraries in two journal articles in addition to her work in and teaching of American studies, popular culture, women's studies, and American history; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Raub was a dedicated advocate for Providence libraries, being one of the four founding members of the Community Libraries of Providence and a tireless advocate in person and in print for the support and flourishing of its neighborhood branches; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Raub extended her care and concern, whether by her sympathy and get-well-soon cards for staff and library associates or by her constant, affirming presence at library events; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Raub was also a board member and president of the Friends of Wanskuck as well as a co-chair of the Rhode Island Transit Riders and a critical organizer in the Janitors for Justice movement in Providence in 2005; and


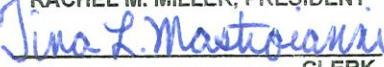
WHEREAS, Ms. Raub, having died on October 29, 2025, is remembered for her kindness, wit, and unwavering dedication and has created a legacy legible in every branch of the Community Libraries of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council recognizes the life and committed advocacy of Patricia Raub.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council offers its most sincere condolences to her husband, Rob Goff; her family; her colleagues in library advocacy; and those who were motivated by her civic spirit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the family of Patricia Raub and to the board of directors of the Community Libraries of Providence.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

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I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 11/12/2025