

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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WHEREAS, Susan Lusi, Ph.D. assumed the leadership of the Providence School Department in the midst of the “fiscal hurricane” crisis of 2011; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lusi was immediately confronted with students, teachers and parents who were heartbroken over the closure of four schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lusi also was immediately confronted with a faculty with many members who were anxious and upset following the unannounced distribution of dismissal notices to all Providence Teachers Union members in late February; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lusi successfully knit the educational community together, restoring mutual confidence and trust; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lusi brought an educational vision that supported academic growth, improved attendance and fewer dropouts for the City’s students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lusi successfully advocated for the City’s children when the Rhode Island Department of Education attempted to implement unfair diploma requirements; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lusi concludes her service with widespread and strongly felt gratitude and acclaim from the Providence educational community; and

WHEREAS, the Providence Public Schools have greatly improved under Dr. Lusi’s wise leadership; and

WHEREAS, while accomplishing so much, Dr. Lusi never rested on her laurels, instead arising every day with renewed energy and determination to serve the children of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council extends its deepest thanks to Susan Lusi, Ph.D. for her distinguished service as Superintendent of the Providence Public Schools, and wishes her every additional success as her career progresses from strength to strength.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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