

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 74

Approved February 6, 2023

WHEREAS, On January 7, 2023, five police officers from the Memphis Police Department severely beat 29-year-old Tyre Nichols, a Black man, during a traffic stop, resulting in his death three days later in the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Tyre Nichols had no prior criminal record and was known to be an amazing father to his 4-year-old son and an aspiring photographer; and

WHEREAS, Tyre Nichols was loved by his community and is described to be gentle, kind, and joyful. He loved skating and was originally from the Bay Area in California; and

WHEREAS, The Memphis Police officers participated in a pure act of violence and have displayed a horrendous abuse of the power given to them by those they were supposed to serve; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, it has been reported that other police officers were present at the scene during the beating of Mr. Nichols and nobody intervened when Nichols pleaded for his life.; and



WHEREAS, The callous disregard for Mr. Nichols' life and the refusal to intervene in such a blatant act of evil is appalling and reprehensible behavior that cannot stand in our society; and

WHEREAS, Police officers are tasked with protecting and serving the civilians of their jurisdiction. What the whole world witnessed in Memphis on January 7th was a disgusting act of men who completely ignored the oaths they took as law enforcement officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby condemns the actions of the officers involved in the death of Tyre Nichols as there is no place in a civilized society for anyone to exercise these heinous types of violence or to stand idly by when such clear acts of evil are being committed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 2/6/23