

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 296

Approved July 2, 2021

WHEREAS, Independence Day is the federal holiday celebrated annually on July 4<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence in which America's thirteen colonies first united in their belief that they could no longer be subjects of the King of England but rather a free and independent nation; and

WHEREAS, In the two hundred and forty-five years since the birth of our nation, America has been forced to overcome immense challenges, both domestically and internationally, that have helped to shape the very meaning of what is to be a citizen of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The outbreak of COVID-19 and the ensuing pandemic have been the latest test of the nation's character as it plunged the entire country into quarantine and isolation, with certain restrictions only just being lifted in the past few weeks due to the deployment of highly effective vaccines; and

WHEREAS, While COVID-19 has taken an immense toll on our country over the past eighteen months, at times stretching our resources and communities to the breaking point, it has also affirmed the nation's incredible compassion, fortitude, and resiliency in the face of unprecedented hardship; and

WHEREAS, This year's Independence Day celebration would not be possible without the tireless efforts of healthcare workers, epidemiologists, researchers, and all frontline workers who persevered in the fight against COVID-19 in order to save the lives of countless individuals across the country and bought time for the development and deployment of vaccines that have made such a tremendous impact in bringing the pandemic under control; and

WHEREAS, With the City Council gathering for the first time in person since the outbreak of the pandemic, it is only appropriate that we take the time to properly celebrate the Independence of our country, our state, and our local communities as we finally begin to heal from the losses and devastation from the past 18 months, and look toward health and prosperity for our city, our nation, and our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Providence City Council hereby celebrates this year's Independence Day in honor of all frontline workers who sacrificed so much in order to save countless lives, helped to prevent the further spread of COVID-19, and kept our grocery stores, pharmacies and other essential services open.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Providence City Council wishes the entire Providence community and all residents of the State of Rhode Island a very happy Independence Day, and encourages safe celebrations this holiday weekend.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, PRESIDENT

CLERK

ACTING

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor

Date:

7/2/21