

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 307

Approved May 10, 1977

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1778 passed an Act Depicting the History of the First Rhode Island Regiment Recruited from Freedmen and Slaves and Its Role in the Revolutionary War, and

WHEREAS, during the summer of 1778 both Freedmen and Slaves were recruited into the ranks of the First Rhode Island Regiment, this newly-formed First Regiment fought in the Battle of Rhode Island in August, 1778, helping to resist several Hessian attacks, and

WHEREAS, that Black Regiment also served with the Continental Army at the Battle of Points Bridge in New York, suffering extreme casualties, and

WHEREAS, in 1781 the Black troops marched south and joined the main American forces in the siege of Yorktown, and as the First Regiment were part of the assault troops that captured British Redoubts near Yorktown in October 14, 1781, and

WHEREAS, in 1973 a reconstituted First Rhode Island Regiment was organized and have since then appeared in a number of Bi-Centennial Events,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of these indelible records in American History, His Honor the Mayor and the Members of the City Council hereby express to Jack A. Soares, President of the First Rhode Island Regiment and to Michael R. Clement, Second Deputy City Clerk, their appreciation for causing the Erection in the City Hall of that recent exhibit Depicting the History of the First Rhode Island Regiment Recruited from Freedmen and Slaves and Its Role in the Revolutionary War.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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