

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 651

Approved December 9, 1976

WHEREAS, the Officers and Members of the Providence Fire Department, on the evening of November 27, 1976, were called upon to combat one of the biggest fires in recent years in Downtown Providence, and

WHEREAS, with the top-level cooperation to the Providence Fire Department were the Department of Communications; the Department of Public Works, and the Fire Fighters and Equipment from the Cities of Warwick, Cranston, East Providence, Pawtucket, and the Towns of Barrington, West Warwick, Central Falls, Johnston, Valley Falls, North Providence, Bristol, Portsmouth, and Swansea, Massachusetts, the holocaust, which was signaled in by the first alarm at 6:55 o'clock P.M. on that evening, erupted into a major four-alarm fire, and

WHEREAS, our gallant smoke eaters, under the able direction of Chief Michael F. Moise, contained the problem within the first hour and one half, and controlled it within three and one half hours from the initial alarm, and

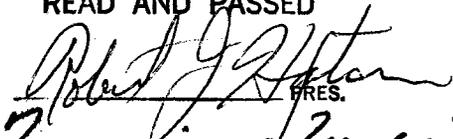
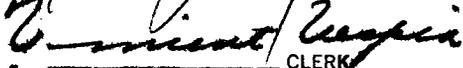
WHEREAS, notwithstanding the site of the fire in the heavy Downtown District which posed a particular problem, the Fire Fighters were fortified with the benefit of an outstanding Water Supply Service, via the hydrant system, by the sophisticated equipment, which included the two new Ladder Trucks, that rendered an additional water delivery capacity, thereby, what could very well have been a devastatingly spreading fire, was "knocked down" in a remarkable short time,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that to Chief Michael F. Moise, the Officers and Men of the Providence Fire Department and to the several Departments of the Cities and Towns which sent not less than two pieces of back-up equipment, are hereby extended the sincere appreciation of a grateful Providence Citizenry, as well as the owners and occupants of the affected building, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the adoption of this Resolution and its approval by His Honor the Mayor, a duly engrossed copy thereof, be transmitted to the Chief of the Fire Department of Providence and to the Chiefs of the Fire Departments that aided, that they will know of the City of Providence's deep appreciation.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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Chief Michael F. Moise
Providence Fire Department
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

My Dear Chief:

I submit the enclosure being a certified copy of resolution of the City Council No. 651, approved December 9, 1976 which is self-explanatory.

It is in appreciation of the co-operative assistance by yourself and members of your Department for which the City of Providence is grateful.

Sincerely yours,

Vincent Vespia,
City Clerk of Providence.

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