

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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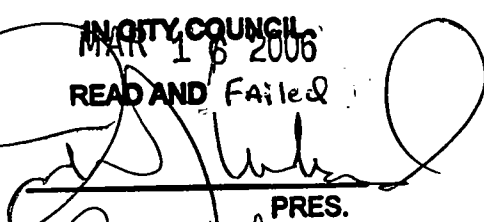
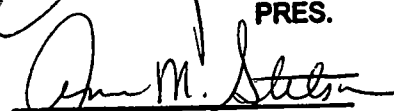
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WHEREAS, If the Brown Bookstore is outsourced to a national retail vendor such as Barnes & Noble, Thayer Street will lose a profitable community bookstore that has operated independently for over 35 years and;

WHEREAS, We believe that the presence of a national bookstore chain on Thayer Street would damage the character of the neighborhood, negatively impact the sustainability of other locally-owned businesses on Providence's East Side, and harm the experienced and dedicated employees of the Brown Bookstore; and

WHEREAS, A national chain homogenizes a community, and if the Bookstore were to be outsourced, we believe that this would drastically change the unique and vibrant identity of the East Side.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby encourages Brown University to maintain an independently-owned bookstore on Thayer Street.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAR 16 2006
READ AND Failed

PRES.

CLERK

Councilman Segal, Councilman Lerner, Aponte & Councilwoman Williams