

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 237

Approved May 6, 2025

WHEREAS, On April 21, 2025, the world lost a global symbol of humility and moral clarity with the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Buenos Aires, Argentina, he entered the priesthood with the Jesuit order and rose to become the first pope from the Americas and the first to take the name Francis, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of peace and care for creation; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his papacy, Pope Francis challenged the powerful to serve the powerless, placing the needs of migrants and the poor at the center of his ministry and urging nations to act with compassion; and

WHEREAS, His visits to prisons and refugee camps reflected his belief that faith without action is hollow, and his deep moral clarity made him a figure of respect across cultures and traditions; and


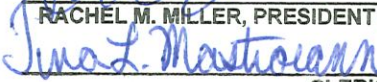
WHEREAS, In his encyclicals and speeches, Pope Francis reminded the world that dignity is inherent, that the planet demands stewardship, and that forgiveness is always within reach; and

WHEREAS, His legacy lives not only in cathedrals but in households and shelters, and in the quiet choices made by people moved by his example of simplicity and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Here in Providence, Pope Francis held particular meaning for many in our Catholic and Latin American communities, who saw in him a spiritual leader and a reflection of their hopes and values.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby honors the life, leadership, and legacy of His Holiness Pope Francis and joins people around the world in mourning his passing and celebrating his enduring example.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

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I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor

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