

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 87

***Approved* February 8, 2012**

WHEREAS, Joseph A. Doorley, Jr. was born in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood, raised in the Elmhurst neighborhood, and is a lifelong resident of Providence, Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, He is a graduate of Blessed Sacrament Grammar School, LaSalle Academy, the University of Notre Dame, and Boston College Law School; and

WHEREAS, After earning his undergraduate degree, he returned to Providence to teach Algebra, English, and Civics at LaSalle Academy; and

WHEREAS, He spent more than four years working in the administrations of Governor Dennis J. Roberts and Governor John A. Notte, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, he was elected to the Providence City Council; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, at the age of 34, he was elected Mayor of the City of Providence, becoming the youngest person to hold the position at that time; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as mayor, he developed a reputation as a "no nonsense" manager of City funds and earned the nickname "No Dough Joe" for his refusal to allow special interest groups to influence government policies; and

WHEREAS, Emphasizing business development and the modernization of Providence's economy, his administration presided over a period of growth and revitalization; and

WHEREAS, He was the driving force behind the construction of the Providence Civic Center (now known as the Dunkin Donuts Center), which has a hub of economic and cultural activity for nearly 40 years; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated and nationally recognized public servant, Mayor Doorley was elected to the Executive Committee of the National League of Cities and Towns, was Co-chairman of the Joint Committee on Energy of the United States Conference of Mayors, Chairman of the Rhode Island Kennedy for President Committee, Chairman of the Rhode Island Delegation to the 1968 Democratic National Convention, and was New England Coordinator of the National Democratic Mayors Caucus.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby honor and thank Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr. for his years of service and countless contributions to the City of Providence.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the new municipal building located at 444 Westminster Street shall be known as the "Mayor Joseph A. Doorley Municipal Building."

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED



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I HEREBY APPROVE



Mayor
Date: 2/8/12