

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 76

Approved February 23, 2022

WHEREAS, In June 1984 the Providence City Council passed a resolution establishing Rosa Parks Drive along a section of Prairie Avenue in recognition of one of the true icons of the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks is most widely known for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger which triggered the 1956 bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama that ultimately resulted in the city having to repeal the laws around segregated seating on buses; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks continued to fight for civil rights in the United States for her entire life and serves a shining example of what it means to stand for true equality for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, The extension of the ceremonial designation of Rosa Parks Drive for the entirety of Prairie avenue will upon the actions of the City Council from 1984, and properly honor the life and legacy of such an iconic figure of American history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby requests that the Department of Public Works and the Traffic Engineer extend the ceremonial designation of Rosa Parks Drive for the entirety of Prairie Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby requests that the Department of Public Works and the Traffic Engineer cause the entirety of Rosa Parks Drive to be restriped with red, black and green coloring.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Providence, the Department of Public Works, and the Traffic Engineer.

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 17 2022
READ AND PASSED


JOHN J. IGLIZZI, PRESIDENT

Tina L. Mastrosianni
CLERK
ACTING

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor
Date: 2/23/22

Leo J. Perrotta
Director



Jorge O. Elorza
Mayor

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

"Building Pride in Providence"

MEMORANDUM

TO: TINA MASTROIANI, ACTING CITY CLERK
FROM: NATALE D. URSO, MANAGING ENGINEER TRAFFIC ENGINEERING *hdu*
SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION EXTEND CERMONIAL DESIGNATION OF ROSA
PARKS DRIVE TO ALL OF PRAIRIE AVE.
DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2021

The Department of Public Works Traffic Engineering Division has reviewed the Resolution to extend the Ceremonial Designation of Rosa Parks Drive to all of Prairie Ave. and stripe the centerline of Prairie Ave. red/green and black. We researched available data and determined there does not currently exist a ceremonial streetname designation for Prairie Ave. other than Rosa Parks Drive. We therefore are in support of the ceremonial designation of the street. We will order and install the appropriate streetname signs once the resolution is approved and funding is identified for the stretname signs. We have concerns with striping the centerline of Prairie Ave. the red/black and green color as this does not conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices(MUTCD) The MUTCD is a document developed by the Federal Highway Administration that outlines standards for all traffic control devices. In the MUTCD centerline striping should be a double yellow line. I am going to defer to the Public Works Director for a final decision on this striping.

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