

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 370

Approved September 18, 2006

WHEREAS, The Citizens of the City of Providence, Rhode Island recognize that a healthy environment is an integral part of our city's economy, society and culture; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island is home to several threatened and endangered species, including the Roseate Tern, the Piping Plover, several endangered sea turtles, and, the Bald Eagle; and

WHEREAS, Providence, Rhode Island, and the United States have a long and proud tradition of respect for the Earth's wildlife and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, We have a responsibility to our children and future generations to be good stewards of our environment and to leave behind a legacy of protecting endangered species and the special places they call home; and

WHEREAS, The strength and vitality of the human environment is inextricably linked with the health of all species and the places they live; and

WHEREAS, Species extinction and habitat destruction are a serious threat to our own welfare, as nature is the source for most of our commonly-prescribed medicines and the loss of species could mean the loss of life-saving drugs; and

WHEREAS, Tourism, wildlife watching, bird watching, wildflower watching, hunting and fishing provide many economic benefits to all of Rhode Island; and

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WHEREAS, Recreational hiking, rafting and fishing are important to many citizens of the City of Providence; and

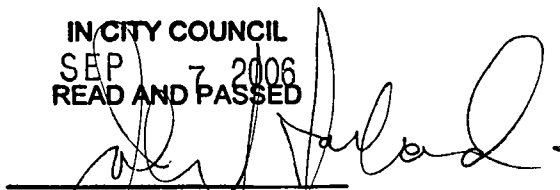
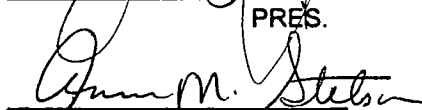
WHEREAS, We have a responsibility to use the best available science to ensure we protect this legacy for future generations; and

WHEREAS, For over 30 years, the Endangered Species Act has served as the nation's safety net for wildlife, saving hundreds of plants and animals from extinction, putting hundreds more on the path to recovery, and safeguarding the habitats on which they all depend; and,

WHEREAS, Several proposals to weaken protections for endangered species and natural habitats are currently pending before the United States Congress.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That it shall be the policy of the City of Providence to support upholding the Endangered Species Act so it may continue to protect our plants and animals and the special places they live, from the finality of extinction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to President George W. Bush; the United States Secretary of the Interior, Dirk Kempthorne; Senator Lincoln D. Chafee; Senator Jack Reed; Representative James R. Langevin; Representative Patrick J. Kennedy; Governor Donald L. Carcieri; and the Providence General Assembly delegation upon its adoption.

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MAYOR 9/19/06