

**City of Providence**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 207

EFFECTIVE May 14, 2023

WHEREAS, Sojourner House has operated a federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation since 1976; and

WHEREAS, Sojourner House was founded by Providence residents and Brown University students who were concerned about what was then a silent epidemic: domestic and sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, Sojourner House has grown from a part-time, volunteer hotline into a provider of comprehensive services available to victims of abuse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, serving residents of the City of Providence and statewide; and

WHEREAS, Sojourner House offers vital services to victims of domestic violence and abuse, including support groups, emergency shelter, transitional and permanent supportive housing, sexual health advocacy, emotional support, professional and community training, and more; and

WHEREAS, Since its incorporation in 1976, Sojourner House has served more than 60,000 individuals, and is one of Providence's most effective organizations serving victims; and

WHEREAS, Sojourner House opened the doors to its administrative and client services offices at 386 Smith Street in Providence in 2003; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, Sojourner House further expanded its services in Providence by purchasing 1570 Westminster Street to meet its mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby support Sojourner House and the expansion of its services in the city of Providence and the effort to exempt the real and tangible personal property taxes of the organization under Rhode Island General Law § 44-3-3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the elected Rhode Island House and Senate representatives of the City of Providence.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 04 2023  
READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

Effective without the  
Mayor's Signature

  
Tina L. Mastroianni  
City Clerk