

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 206

Approved June 26, 2020

WHEREAS, On May 25, 2020, George Floyd was killed by a Minneapolis police officer during an arrest when the officer pressed his knee into Mr. Floyd's neck for almost nine minutes; and

WHEREAS, While much of the initial focus was on the actions of the officer kneeling on Mr. Floyd's neck, there were also three other officers at the scene who had every opportunity to intervene and prevent this tragedy from occurring; and

WHEREAS, Every police officer takes an oath to serve and protect the civilians within their jurisdiction and yet the entire world has been forced to watch three sworn officers stand by and do nothing to assist a man who was pleading for his life for nearly nine minutes; and

WHEREAS, While it is easy to describe the actions of the officer kneeling on George Floyd as an evil act of a "bad apple", it is far more difficult to describe the other three officers as simply "bad apples" and not a reflection of the system; and

WHEREAS, The failure to intervene and hold fellow officers accountable for their actions is one of the core issues that erodes trust between the police and the constituents they are sworn to protect.

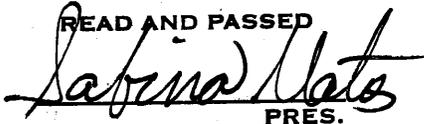
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges the General Assembly to enact legislation that would impose a duty to intervene for every police officer who witnesses misconduct by a fellow law enforcement officer as this is a vital component for rebuilding trust between officers and the communities they serve.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the members of the Providence Delegation, as well as the Speaker of the House and the Senate President.

IN CITY COUNCIL

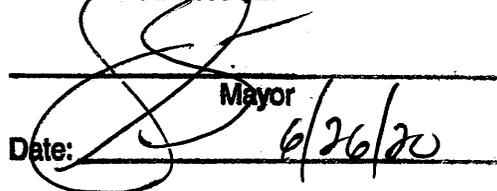
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PRES.

  
CLERK

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Mayor  
Date: 6/26/20