

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No. 468*

Approved November 26, 2024

WHEREAS, Luke A. Teeman, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away on October 9, 2024, leaving a profound impact on all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Luke was the devoted husband of Deborah “Deb” Palumbo Teeman and a proud father to Shannon Brennan and her wife, Johanna Church; Erin (Brennan) Nascimento and her husband, Jason Nascimento; and Kelly Brennan. He was also the cherished grandfather to his “bestest friend,” Aubrey Nascimento, and a beloved brother, uncle, and friend to many; and

WHEREAS, Luke was known for his quiet generosity, always finding ways to help others without seeking recognition. His heart was as big as his smile, and his kindness knew no bounds. He touched the lives of countless people, from his work as the Community Outreach Coordinator at the Providence Walmart to his dedication as a volunteer with Red Lined, a nonprofit that increases access to menstrual products. Luke’s spirit of service was also reflected in his role as a joyful Santa at the Wanskuck Library and his signature “grumpy elf” appearance on Black Friday; and

WHEREAS, Though he may not have been a household name, Luke Teeman was one of Providence’s quiet heroes. He embodied the spirit of service that so often goes unseen, leaving a lasting impact on the lives of those around him in ways that celebrity could never reach. Through small acts of generosity and moments of kindness, he became a true pillar of the community, inspiring others to care deeply and act compassionately; and

WHEREAS, Luke’s love for life was contagious. He celebrated holidays with enthusiasm, enjoyed thrifting adventures with his wife, Deb, and was known for his vibrant and joyful personality. Luke’s dedication to the LGBTQIA2+ community was evident in his spirited participation at Pride events, where he embraced the celebration with style, earning the affectionate title of “Gay Santa”; and

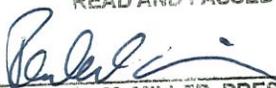
WHEREAS, Luke’s memory lives on through his children, his granddaughter, his extended family, and the countless friends whose lives he touched with his kindness, humor, and unconditional love;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council honors the life and legacy of Luke A. Teeman, a man whose generosity, kindness, and love for his community will never be forgotten.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council extends its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and all those who mourn his passing. Luke's spirit of giving and love will continue to inspire and uplift our community for years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Luke A. Teeman as an expression of the Council's deepest sympathy and gratitude for his contributions to the Providence community.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
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Mayor

Date: 11/26/24