

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 236

Approved May 22, 2023

WHEREAS, The dangers of nuclear war have been known to the world since August 6, 1945, with the destruction of Hiroshima and, three days later, the destruction of Nagasaki; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence has a record of advocating for peace to a troubled world; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Rule, The first peace vessel, has been an icon and a symbol of peace since its first voyage in 1978; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Rule did not complete its first anti-nuclear weapons voyage to protest nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands, but generated immense international support and sympathy and formed an integral part of peace witnessing that eventually led to the Limited Test Ban Treaty of 1963; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Rule was salvaged by a group of Veterans for Peace and Quakers in Humboldt Bay in 2009, repaired and relaunched June of 2015, and has sailed to multiple ports providing education presentations sending the message that there is no room for nuclear weapons in the home of humanity; and

WHEREAS, the peacemaking roots of The Golden Rule include a belief that each individual, regardless of color, race, creed or nationality, is sacred, and that nuclear weapons are a grave threat to all individuals, groups, and nations, and this threat of total destruction is a violation of the ancient concept of the oneness of humanity; and

WHEREAS, House Resolution H 6173 Welcoming The Golden Rule sailboat to Rhode Island in Support of a Nuclear-Free World was passed by the Rhode Island House on March 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Rule is scheduled to visit Providence, Rhode Island, India Point Park, in the month of June, from June 11 to June 14.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby Extends its collective best wishes to The Golden Rule sailboat, its organizers, supporters, and volunteers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council, in consideration of all of the above, do hereby proclaim and enthusiastic welcome to The Golden Rule sailboat in support of a nuclear-free world on behalf of all of the citizens of this City, and be it further resolved that a certified copy be transmitted to Ms. Helen Jaccard, Golden Rule Project Manager.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence and The Golden Rule Project Manager.

MAY 18 2023  
READ AND PASSED

RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

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CLERK

HEREBY APPROVE.

Burt P. Smiley  
Mayor

Date: 5/22/2023