

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 555

Approved October 9, 1985

WHEREAS, the name Nicholas Easton first appears in the annals of Rhode Island history in the Royal Charter of 1663, being one of twenty-four inhabitants whom his Majesty King Charles II, in recognition of "their peaceable and loyal minds, their sober, serious, and religious intentions," did declare a "body corporate and politic", to be known as "the Governor and Company of the English Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," and

WHEREAS, the first Nicholas Easton went on to become the Deputy Governor, and Governor of the Colony from 1672 to 1674, and

WHEREAS, a number of notable Eastons "of Newport" served in various high offices in the state in Colonial times, and

WHEREAS, the Easton name was not to appear on the political horizon again until 1978, when a neighborhood activist and community organizer, Nicholas W. Easton, first sought elective office, and

WHEREAS, Nicholas W. Easton followed in the family traditions of attending Moses Brown School and Brown University, however, he displayed perception and wisdom which seems to have eluded his honored forbears: he moved to Providence, and became a Democrat, and

WHEREAS, while the public conduct of Nicholas W. Easton might not always be described as "peaceable", "serious" and "sober", he has brought to the political life of the City of Providence a discerning mind, true compassion for the unfortunate, unquestioned moral principles, and dedication to duty which would do his esteemed progenitors proud, and

WHEREAS, his lovely wife Sally and five children are a source of strength and a great deal of pride, supporting and sustaining his many public endeavors, and

WHEREAS, it would appear that the Easton name will again find prominence in Rhode Island history, it is hoped that the Eastons "of Elmwood" will not change their political affiliations again for another three hundred years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the City Council of the City of Providence do join with the many friends and supporters of Nicholas W. Easton in wishing him well on the occasion of the testimonial held in his honor on September 29, 1985, and extending heartfelt best wishes for continued success and prosperity, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to cause a duly engrossed copy of this resolution to be transmitted to Council President Nicholas W. Easton and his charming wife Sally, that they be aware of the esteem in which they are held by the members of this honorable body.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
OCT 3 1985

READ AND PASSED

*Nicholas W. Easton*  
PRESIDENT  
*Doreen Mendonca*  
CLERK

