

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 108

Approved March 24, 2022

WHEREAS, The celebration of the Saint Patrick's Day in the United States has a long history dating back to the City of Boston hosting its first Saint Patrick's Day Parade as early as 1737; and

WHEREAS, The first celebration in Providence of the festival of Saint Patrick was held on March 18, 1839; and

WHEREAS, Irish immigrants living in the United States began organizing parades and other events on March 17 as a show of pride in their heritage; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2020 Census data, Rhode Island has 17.6% of its population claiming Irish ancestry which is the third highest percentage in the entire country; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee will be hosting their 2022 parade on Saturday, March 19th, which will be the 29th straight year it has been hosted in Providence; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Providence takes this day to recognize the contributions and influence of Irish Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the country as a whole, the State of Rhode Island, and the City of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby acknowledges March 17 as Saint Patrick's Day in perpetuity in order to celebrate Irish heritage and to recognize the contributions that the Irish people have made to the City of Providence and the State of Rhode Island throughout our history.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAR 17 2022
READ AND PASSED

JOHN J. GLIOZZI, PRESIDENT

CLERK

ACTING

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor

Date:

3/24/22