

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 166

Approved March 15, 2019

WHEREAS, Governor Gina M. Raimondo has proposed to make high-quality pre-k available to every four-year-old in the state; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island currently has one of the highest quality pre-k programs in the country, serving 1,080 four-year-olds across 11 communities. Providence currently has 20 classrooms, serving 360 four-year-olds; and

WHEREAS, Universal pre-k helps ensure all children are prepared for kindergarten and these academic gains are sustained well beyond kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, Money invested in pre-k will save us money in the long-run because more Rhode Islanders will enjoy the economic benefits of a good job as well as other societal benefits; and

WHEREAS, Universal pre-k will support working families in Rhode Island by reducing the financial burden facing families with young children and gives parents the option to reenter the workforce sooner; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council believes that expanding high-quality pre-k is in the best interest of citizens and voters of the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council supports the funding and cost for the required space from the State to accomplish this great program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council provides the strongest possible endorsement to Governor Gina M. Raimondo's universal pre-k expansion as articulated in Article 10 and urges the Providence Delegation to the General Assembly to work diligently for its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Gina M. Raimondo, and the State Senators and State Representatives from the Providence Delegation.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**MAR 07 2019**

**READ AND PASSED**  
  
**PRES.**

**CLERK**

**I HEREBY APPROVE.**

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Mayor  
Date: 3/15/19