

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 128

Approved April 22, 2020

WHEREAS, The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is a recognized pandemic that has spread globally and threatens the health, well-being, and financial stability of community members globally; and

WHEREAS, On March 9, 2020, Governor of Rhode Island Gina Raimondo declared, by Executive Order 20-02, a Declaration of Disaster Emergency in connection with the outbreak of the novel coronavirus "COVID-19"; and

WHEREAS, On March 12, 2020, Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza declared a state of emergency for the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence, like the State of Rhode Island, has a large population of immigrants who are in varying stages of the immigration process to become naturalized citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has had a devastating effect on the local economy, especially small businesses, which has resulted in widespread unemployment and economic harm to a large portion of Rhode Islanders; and

WHEREAS, There are several economic relief efforts currently managed by the State of Rhode Island to provide assistance to Rhode Islanders who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges the Governor of the State of Rhode Island to take all necessary measures to ensure that economic relief funds are made available to all Rhode Islanders regardless of their immigration status.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health, and the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training.

IN CITY COUNCIL


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PRES.

  
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Mayor  
Date 4/22/20